

THE THRESHER

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Make-ups

Club Members are encouraged to make up meetings at the above clubs, to promote fellowship and increase attendance. If you are traveling out of the area, ask JIM or BECKY to locate a club for you in your area of travel.

Rotary Club of Welsh website:
www.welshrotary.org

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Today's Program
Holden Hoggatt
Candidate: U.S. House

THE HARVEST



Our speaker today, Holden Hoggatt, is a Republican candidate for the US House of Representatives, From Lafayette, Mr Hoggatt has been married to his

college sweetheart, Julie, for 18 years. Together, they have two amazing children, Wilt and Sara Grace.

Republican prosecutor Holden Hoggatt has secured the support of three former Louisiana members of Congress in his bid to upset incumbent GOP U.S. Rep. Clay Higgins in the Nov. 8 election.

All three - former Republican Congressman Charles Boustany, former Democratic Congressman Chris John and former U.S. Sen. John Breaux - have Acadiana roots.

Holden is an accomplished felony drug prosecutor who now has a private practice. In the courtroom, he stands up for seniors, abused children, and victims of domestic violence. Outside of the office, his firm donates to the University of Louisiana Lafayette to help educate people about the opioid crisis and curb the impact of drugs in our community.

Holden serves on the Bayou Vermillion Board of Commissioners. He takes the job of keeping Acadiana's natural resources clean seriously. Holden loves being outdoors and he will fight to preserve and protect our way of life. Holden feels closest to God when he's on his horse, working cattle or fishing.

Polio Plus: Rotarians Act

Be there on October 24

In the early 20th century, polio was one of the most feared diseases in industrialized countries, paralyzing hundreds of thousands of children every year. Soon after the introduction of effective vaccines in the 1950s and 1960s however, polio was brought under control and practically eliminated as a public health problem in these countries.

It took somewhat longer for polio to be recognized as a major problem in developing countries. Lameness surveys during the 1970s revealed that the disease was also prevalent in developing countries. As a result, during the 1970s routine immunization was introduced worldwide as part of national immunization programs, helping to control the disease in many developing countries.

Rotary International launched a global effort to immunize the world's children against polio in 1985 followed by the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988. When the GPEI started, polio paralyzed more than 1000 children worldwide every day. Since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio thanks to the cooperation of more than 200 countries and 20 million volunteers.

Today, wild poliovirus continues to circulate in only two countries, and global incidence of polio cases has decreased by 99%. There has also been success in eradicating certain strains of the virus; of the three types of wild polioviruses (WPVs), the last case of type 2 was reported in 1999 and its eradication was declared in September 2015; the most recent case of type 3 dates to November 2012 and this strain was declared as globally eradicated in October 2019.

In August of 2021, CDC was notified of a case of polio in an unvaccinated individual from Rockland County, New York, and is consulting with the New York State Department of Health on their investigation. Public health experts are working to understand how and where the individual was infected and provide protective measures, such as vaccination services to the community to prevent the spread of polio to under- and unvaccinated individuals. There is no cure for polio, but it is preventable through safe and effective vaccination. On Monday, October 24, the Rotary Club of Welsh will conduct a street drive on the corner of South Adams and South Streets to benefit Polio Plus. Rotarians are urged to participate starting at 8:30 AM.