



Newsletter of Yerington Rotarians
August 15, 2015



Meetings:
Tuesday Evening 7:00 PM
Dini's Lucky Club

President: Joe Giomi
463-3650

Secretary: Ann Rudolph
463-5803

Treasurer: Candy Lo Bue
463-2677

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Elect:

Mary Swirsky – Thinking about it!

Board 2nd year:

James Schreiber 463-3377
Tim Dake 463-3510
John Diekmann 463-7162
Carolyn Strelo-Smith 463-4696
John Murray 463-5550

Board 1st Year:

Ken Bitler, 463-4239
Candy LoBue 463-2677
Mary Swirsky 463-4015
Steve Chiquete (775) 461-6315
Ted Rudolph, 463-5803

Program Schedule:

September 22 – Game Feed
September 29 – Kathie Mann RYLA
October 6 – Skip Bolton – Chem Lab
October 13 – Candy LoBue – Lynn Jekka Science
October 20 – Student of the Month
October 27 – Gary Hardesty – PEO Scholarship Program
November 3 – Aaron Rudolph Signal Direct
November 10 – Open
November 17 - Open
November 24 – Thanksgiving Dinner
December 1 – Open
December 8 – Student of the Month
December 15 – Open
December 22 – Senior Christmas Dinner
December 29 – DARK
January 5 – Open

Information from the Board of Directors

By Ann Rudolph

The Board of Directors of the Yerington Rotary Club met on 9/8/15 in Dini's Poker room. President Joe Giomi called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Present were President Joe Giomi, Past President Ted Rudolph, Board Members Ken Bitler, James Schreiber, Steve

Chiquete, John Murray, Tim Dake, John Diekmann, Mary Swirsky, Treasurer Candy LoBue, Foundation Chair Tom Price and Secretary Ann Rudolph.

• Game Feed

President Joe Giomi has advised the Smith Valley Rotary Club of our Wilson Family Game Feed to be held September 22, 2015. He will also advise them to

contribute meat to grill and side dishes.

• Water Structure at Long Term Care

Tom Price has been researching a water structure to present to Long Term Care at South Lyon Medical Center. Discussion on what type of feature Rotary will be able to put in there. If we want to apply for a grant we will need to get moving on it. Tom will check into requirements for the grant application process. Ted Rudolph made a motion to allow \$2,000 for purchase and installation of a water feature using Rotary labor. Steve Chiquete seconded. Motion passed.

• Budget committee

President Joe selected a budget committee. Committee will consist of President Joe, Ted Rudolph, John Murray, Treasurer Candy LoBue and possibly Tom Price. A future

date will be set to discuss budgetary issues and approval.

• **Fair and Rodeo results**

James Schrieber reported Rotary netted approximately \$12,000 at Fair and Rodeo. An increase of \$3,000 over last years Fair and Rodeo, with the addition of the Hispanic Dances on Friday and Saturday nights.

• **Rocket painting at the park**

Painting of the rocket at the park will be attempted in October, with no confirmed date set. Discussion on how to proceed with the prep work followed.

• **Wine and Beer Tasting event**

Candy LoBue is looking into wineries for this year's event. Mary Swirsky will look into what kind of centerpieces we can purchase or make. James Schrieber will look into craft beer vendors.

• **Other business**

John Murray would like to improve the area of the Lyon County fairgrounds where the Hispanic dance is held. Discussion on what Rotary can do was tabled to the next meeting.

Ken Bitler made a motion to adjourn meeting. John Murray seconded.

President Joe adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Rotary 2014-2015 Year in Review

By Tom Price

The 2014-15 Rotary year was another active year for Yerington Rotary. Club President Ted Rudolph kept the Club busy with

a variety of activities and community support projects. Projects varied from planting trees to cemetery cleanup to selling food at local events and, of course, supporting local youth with scholarships and awards. Many of our projects require help from local businesses as well as effort from Rotary members. We appreciate the support we receive from the local community.

One of our favorite programs is the Student of the Month program for YHS students. This program was expanded to include students from ROP this year. Each month two YHS students from a specified department and one ROP student are selected by school staff members for "deserving recognition for their efforts". The honored students and their parents are invited to dinner with the Rotary Club where the staff who selected them describe why they were selected. The students also receive a certificate and a small monetary award.

Our scholarship program was also expanded slightly. The number of Rountree Scholarships for students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics was increased to two and the award was increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000. We continue to award two four-year \$4,000 scholarships with no restriction on what the student majors in as well as two two-year \$1,000 scholarships. This was the second year we awarded the Michael Hardesty Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 per year for training in a technology field.

It was the first year we awarded the Manuel Barcellos Memorial Scholarship of \$500.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program continues to impress the high school juniors who attend. They all agree it is a life changing experience. This year we sent six students to this one week camp. We also sent five eighth graders to the Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (REGL) program. Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is another great experience that affects many students. Two local students were sent to foreign countries to live for a year and one foreign student was brought in to live here for the year. The student living here, from Italy, gives all local students a chance to interact with someone from a different culture. Rotary thinks this is an important experience for high school students.

Rotary members spent one day in Fall of 2014 adding to the trees they planted the Spring before at Mountain View Park. We also participated in the major cemetery cleanup organized by County employees. Rotary helped with the cleanup work and also provided food for the workers.

A decision was made early in the year to forego our Teacher Appreciation dinner in favor of awarding grants to teachers for class room projects. As a result eight awards of \$200 each were given out to teachers. All teachers can apply for these grants. This program is expected to continue.

Rotary continues to support many local groups and activities. We contributed over \$5,800 to the local Food Bank, the Jeanne Dini Cultural Center, the local library, 4th of July fire works, Hoops for Heros, Lyon County Museum, youth baseball, YHS 20/30 track meet and other organizations.

Yerington Rotary is proud of its contributions to our community and expects to continue to support local groups and projects as well as the international efforts of Rotary International. One of the interesting and helpful programs Rotary sponsors is our weekly meeting presentations. They help keep Rotarians informed. This year they included presentations about Brazil, wine tasting, a local cheese maker, dealing with guns, home safety for seniors, mental health, auto reposition, a tour of our fire department and “What is a locavore”.

Africa on the Brink of Polio Eradication

Story by Rotary International

Nigeria and the whole continent of Africa is on the cusp of being polio free, Dr. Hamid Jafari told audience members at the Rotary Convention on 8 June in São Paulo, Brazil.

Between 2013 and 2014, the reported cases of polio dropped from 53 to just six in Nigeria. Even more encouraging, said Jafari, is that the last case of polio in Nigeria

was reported in July of last year and the last case in all of Africa was reported in Somalia in August.

“With a year of no polio cases in Nigeria tantalizingly close, and no cases in Somalia since August, the tireless work of so many people across the continent is paying off,” said Jafari, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative for the World Health Organization. “But it is incredibly important that Nigeria remains vigilant. As long as polio exists anywhere, it will continue to be a threat everywhere.”

Transmission of the wild poliovirus has also never been stopped in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 2014, 85 percent of polio cases worldwide were in Pakistan, the country’s highest case count in over a decade. But progress has been made over the last few months to stem the spread of the virus. The focus for the government and all of the polio partners has shifted to missed children. Vaccinators have gained access to areas that have been out of reach for years, said Jafari.

Since January, cases in Pakistan are lower than this time last year thanks to advocacy work from Rotary members, said Jafari. “This is a reminder that we cannot let politics and conflict stand in our way, because at the end of the chain stands a mother or father that just wants to protect their child. But the coming months are the real test. We

are entering the high season for polio transmission.”

Jafari encouraged attendees to stay committed. “I need you to continue to advocate and engage with your political leaders with that strong, influential Rotary voice of yours, so that all our stakeholders continue to commit to funding the final stages,” he said. “I need you to keep on educating and engaging your communities and the global community on this great endeavor.”

FOUNDATION GIVING NEARS RECORD HIGH

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Kenny updated attendees on the progress of the Foundation. One of his goals as chair was to increase giving. The Annual Fund reached almost \$117 million in 2013-14. This year, if contributions continue at the normal June rate, the fund will top that figure, making it the highest ever, he said.

The Foundation’s Endowment Fund has reached a milestone of \$1 billion, where spendable earnings will provide nearly \$13 million of direct financial support next year, more than double the amount five years ago.

“Let us remember that when we give to our Foundation, we are not sending cash to Evanston,” Kenny said. “We are helping a blind man to see, a polio victim to walk, a child to grow to adulthood healthily, a student to become educated, and a family to have enough food to eat.”