



## MARCH 15, 2017

This week's report was submitted by **Rotarian Tania Sharpe**

Our guest speaker this week was **Rotarian Keith Koke** with an update on the polio campaign. He was introduced by **Rotarian Andy Watson** and thanked by **President Alysson Storey**.

The Chatham Rotary club has been involved in the fight to eradicate polio since 1985. The first trip sponsored by Rotary was to the Philippines and was such a success that it was extended to include more countries.

Keith showcased a number of videos created by Rotary including *Rotary's Promise – End polio*. A number of videos and educational materials are available at [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)

There have been a number of setbacks in Nigeria in 2016 that underscores the need for vigilance. Koke explained why unfortunately we still have polio in the world. It is partly due to the unrest in our world.

In 2014, nearly a million people were displaced in Pakistan, which increases the risk for polio to spread. While the risk increased, it did provide an opportunity for the vaccination of 850,000 children who previously had not been accessible to health care workers.

The problem is polio must be eradicated everywhere so that it doesn't spread to non-immunized people.

There are now only two countries left, Afghanistan & Pakistan which have known cases of polio.

Rotary's goal is to eradicate polio in the next three years.



**Speaker Keith Koke**

### QUICK FACTS:

- Since 1988 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated
- 60 cents is the costs of protecting one child from Polio
- The majority of children that contract this disease are under the age of 5
- Polio is 99% of the way to being eradicated

### What can we as Rotarians do to help?

As a club commit to raising \$2,000 US each year towards the cause! Until 2018 every US dollar committed to UNICEF or WHO will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## BIRTHDAYS

**Sarah Wagenaar**

March 16

**Keith Dawson**

March 18

**Bill Magee**

March 20



# Happy Notices

## INVITATION

Join the club  
at the

**Unigasco Lounge**  
Capitol Theatre

To Watch

**THE RETROFEST PARADE**  
go by!

On May 26th, 2017

5:30 - 9:00 pm

hors d'oeuvres included • cash bar

Tickets: \$30 (approximately)

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Mike Pestowka**

10 years • March 21

**Bill Grin**

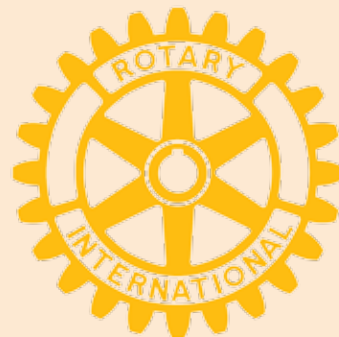
22 years • March 22

**Monica Ramboer**

2 years • March 25

**Rick Bodnaruk**

11 years • March 29



## NEXT WEEK

**Citizens Online Reporting**  
CST Ed Rota and CST Brent Milne

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 29

**Terry Smith**

Classification Talk