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Why do you believe what you believe when you believe it? Research indicates that with hearing intact and the sensory ability developed, the brain of child is already gathering and storing data in the third trimester in the womb. This continues after birth.

The challenge is that the child has no "software" installed to accurately interpret the data coming through the sensory centers and thus is totally dependent upon the parents/adults in one's life to begin to filter and interpret the data. At 8-10 years of age as the chemicals in the brain of the child become fully accessible, the "concrete" of a belief system begins to harden. This system is sometimes based on false perceptions from inaccurate interpretations of the child's early experience and emotional development. Life Command-ments, whether functional or dysfunctional, are then set up, which will influence the thinking and behavior of the child into adulthood. If this belief system is developed upon false perceptions, the outcomes can be devastating and even life-threatening to self and to others.

This is exactly the challenge that we face in the final days of eradicating polio in the world. Zainab (not her real name to protect her identity), along with her female co-workers, meets with a group of children in the park and quickly begins vaccinating as many children as possible. Each child receives a purple/blue

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mark on their little finger to confirm that they have been vaccinated and they also enthusiastically receive a balloon. On this day Zainab and her team will successfully vaccinate over hundred children without resistance. But that is not always the case. As Zainab reflects: "People believe that vaccinations reduce fertility and causes disrespectful behavior in children. We tell them this is not true." Even as a team of women who can access children more easily and despite their increased success of reducing cases of polio in their country of Afghanistan, their commitment to eradicate polio has often met with resistance and risk. Why? Because it is believed that women should not work. Zainab has challenged that belief and has found support and encourage-ment from her family. Thus it is not simply enough to give money and to provide the vaccination in these places. A radical change in the belief systems must be brought about and Zainab and those like her are willing to be on the front lines of this endeavor

If Zainab is willing to risk her life to save the children from polio, it heightens the value of every Rotarian's support financially to be sure that the vaccination and the support are available to women like Zainab as she works to provide the truth that will set the people free from disease! Every ticket we buy and sell for the EndPolio Now event with the Iowa Wolves this Saturday, February 3, makes a difference. It is the least we can do in light of Zainab's sacrifice. See you at the game!



Kellie Markey Dorothy's House

> <u>Arranged By:</u> Beth Goedken <u>Greeter:</u> Kasey Vogel <u>Invocation:</u> Roger Nyberg <u>Sergeant:</u> Jim Lipscomb <u>Scribe:</u> John Waldron

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Future Programs

2/9: Deputy Robert P. Schulte Marshal Service

2/16: Siobhan Spain Mainframe Studios

2/23: Matthew Wash "The Good Governor"

Melanie Shellenberger - Safe at Home

Our speaker today was Melanie Shellenberger, Director of the Safe at Home Program operated by the office of our Iowa Secretary of State, Paul D. Pate, since January 1, 2016.

Melanie described the service as an "address confidentially program" focused on assisting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, or violent crimes. The program focuses on protecting survivors from offenders through services such as the following:



Other Locations

<u>Monday</u>

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (Noon)

<u>Tuesday</u>

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)
Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)
Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)
Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)
West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

<u>Wednesday</u>

East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am) Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (Noon) The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

<u>Thursday</u>

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am) Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)

Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

<u>Friday</u>

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

Upcoming Events

Polio Plus Night at the Iowa Wolves February 3 -Wells Fargo Arena

> **CFUM Meals** Monday, February 26th

NCPETS Conference March 8-10, 2018 in Rochester, MN.

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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• Providing a substitute confidential address at the Secretary of State offices that is used for things such as mail forward-ing, driver's licenses and voter registration.

· Forwarding mail to the participant's confidential address.

The program currently only has about 350 participants, so Melanie encouraged us to spread the word about its existence. She's doing that by speaking to various civic groups around the State. Some growth comes by out-of-state victims moving into Iowa.

Scribe, Bob Moore

This is the Week for the Iowa Wolves Polio Plus Night

We are celebrating the 10th year of this event. Led by Ed Arnold this event has raised over \$95,000, to provide over 150,000 vaccinations. Saturday, February 3, 7:00 PM – the

Iowa Wolves vs. the Oklahoma Blues. It is Bring your Dog night as well, with a special half-time performance by the K9's in Flight! It's also \$2 dollar beer night! Rotarians are invited to gather, with their guests, before the game at the Bud Bar at gate 124 (SW entrance). Go Wolves!





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Future Information

| Beth Goedken - Program Chair | | | | |
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| <u>Program</u> | <u>Greeter</u> | <u>Invocation</u> | <u>Sergeant</u> | <u>Scribe</u> |
| Feb 9 - Marshal Service | John Waldron | Ed Arnold | Joe Kobes | Bill Grask |
| Feb 16 - Mainframe Studios | Wendi Wilson | Penny Luthens | Dan Boes | Randy Taber |
| Feb 23 - "The Good Governor" | Rod Ruppel | Jim Lipscomb | Dianne Downing-Nelson | Roger Nyberg |

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