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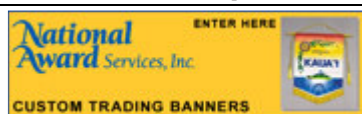
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President Corner 1105

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

Regular meeting 11/05/10

President's comments, notes and announcements.

Turkeys giveaway. It was reminded the delivery of the pledges made for the 16 Thanksgiving baskets we have to distribute to Muldoon and Mountain View schools. By the meeting of November 19th all the items needs to be accounted for. Distribution to Schools will be on Tuesday, November 23rd.

Club Recognitions: Even though few members are still on my list I was able to publicly recognize few of our Members for all the efforts they are dedicating to benefit our Club, in particular to the Membership Committee, the Reading at School team and the "baby" Projects Committee. A big THANK YOU to Sylv, Jay, MaryJo, Linda, Larry, Dave and Ken!

Board Meeting: Next Meeting is scheduled for **November 23rd**, at noon. Everybody is invited.

Speaker: Debra Porter, Executive Director of Health Fair Group gave a presentation how Health Fairs work and what it takes to make them successful. Maybe our Club could be active and participate in one of the already scheduled Health Fairs in our service area. Something Larry and his committee can take a look at.

Rejoice: The meeting of Friday, Nov 12th will be directed and conducted by the expertise of our VP Jim while I will be on my way to collect the cash which Las Vegas could put in my pockets. Please be nice to Jim!

DISTRIC 5010 - OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.

Below is the link for Governor Jane October 2010 Newsletter.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5010/2440/html/108508/District%20Newsletter%20October%202010.pdf>

Members Happy Moments 1105

by Vittorio Montemezzani

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS .

Jim, had 3 things to be happy (or not) about. First he patted his back for having handled, all alone, 11 students at the last Read a Book at Muldoon school. Second (not really happy), he announced that Ken mother called him saying "I need to see you before it is too late. Our best wishes to both of them. Third he announced that Linda is very sick by a nasty bug.

Larry was very happy that her 9 years old daughter saved him from a fine by giving him the Rotary pin he was forgetting at home. (How sad is it?)

Sylv had thankful thoughts for the work Jay and Maver did on organizing the Halloween party at their house. We are waiting for pictures.

CELEBRATION: Carey Maver FIRST ROTARY ANNIVERSARY!!

BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS :

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Date Range : November 6 to
November 12

Sort By: [Member Name](#) | [Date](#)

Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
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No member(s) have birthdays
within this range.

Anniversaries

Member Name	Anniversary / Spouse Name
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No member(s) have
anniversaries within this range.

Club Anniversaries

Member Name	Induction Date / Number of Years (Effective the day of induction this year)
Carey, Maver	November 6 2009 (1 years)

Rotary District 5010 corner

by Vittorio Montemezzani

District Conference & Assembly 2011 in Homer, Alaska

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT for Registration by
December 31, 2010

Motivational speakers share information on the latest Rotary programs.

Have Fun! The perfect time and place to get to know Rotarians from other district clubs and reconnect with old friends!

Enjoy the location! 'Halibut capital of the world' and 'arts community by the sea' are just two namesakes for Homer's unlimited recreation and adventure opportunities.

Save the Dates: June 16 - 19, 2011
Please join us for Summer in Homer!

Register Online : <http://homer.rotary5010conference.org/>

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Rotary International Corner

by Vittorio Montemezzani

Bivalent oral polio vaccine delivers powerful blow

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 8 November 2010

The bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) is proving to be a potent weapon in the global battle to eradicate the disease.

Developed to stop transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously, bOPV was introduced in all four polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- in late 2009 and early 2010. It has helped reduce the incidence of polio in India to 39 cases as of 26 October, compared to 498 for the same period in 2009. The number of cases in Nigeria has fallen to 8 from 382 for that period.

"There's been the largest ever year-to-year drop in polio cases following the use of bOPV," says Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) at the World Health Organization.

The results of a field trial published in the British medical journal the [Lancet](#) in October underscore the effectiveness of the new vaccine. The randomized, double-blind, controlled trial, conducted by WHO between August and December 2008, involved 830 newborns in India who received bOPV or another polio vaccine.

"In this study we showed that the bivalent [vaccine] is much better than the trivalent," says Dr. Roland Sutter, coordinator of the GPEI's research and product development team. "We get about 30 [percent] to 40 percent more immunity [from] the bivalent compared to the trivalent for types 1 and 3." The study also showed that bOPV is just about as good as the monovalent vaccines, which protect against only one strain of polio.

"The big story is not the study itself but the impact the vaccine has already had on transmission [of the wild poliovirus] in India and Nigeria," Sutter says. "In both countries, other factors such as improved program performance also played a critical role."

Rotary International has been a major player in bringing about that achievement, Aylward said at the meeting of the International PolioPlus Committee in October. PolioPlus grants awarded by The Rotary Foundation "have been strategically linked closely to all of the major gains that we've seen over the last 12 months," he noted. "The most striking impact is what your funds have achieved in Nigeria. Over \$23 million has gone into operational costs. That 98 percent drop in cases could not have been achieved without that money to get the vaccine to the kids."

Health officials see an expanded role for bOPV in the vaccine arsenal. On 26 October, 15 African countries launched a synchronized mass immunization campaign, the third on the continent in 2010. About 290,000 vaccinators went door to door to immunize 72 million children -- 55.7 million of them received bOPV.

By simplifying the logistics of immunizing children against polio, bOPV has become the centerpiece of the global strategy to end the disease.

"This vaccine could get us over the top and to the finish line for eradication," Sutter says.

For more information:

- [Watch a video of Rotary's progress in eradicating polio](#)
- [Learn more about polio](#)
- [Help End Polio Now](#)