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UPCOMING

February 3
Bruce Van Dusen,
Executive Director
of Polaris House

February 10
Pat Pitney, State
OMB Director

GREETERS

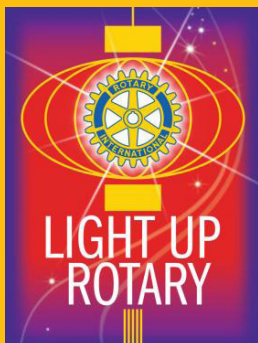
January 27
Aaron Morrison
Armando DeGuzman

February 3
Jim Strader
John Venables

February 10
Karen West
Robert Rehfeld



2014-2015 Rotary
International Theme:



This Week's Program: Jim Calvin, McDowell Group

Jim Calvin is owner and Managing Principal with McDowell Group, Inc., an Alaska-based research and consulting firm with a team of 14 professionals in offices in Juneau and Anchorage. Jim's specialties socioeconomic impact analyses, cost/benefit studies, market research, and business feasibility studies. He is a lifelong Alaskan and has been studying business, industry, and economic conditions in Alaska for 30 years. His formal education includes a Master of Science in Mineral Economics from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and a bachelor's in geology from Western Washington University. Jim's volunteer activities have included ten years with Juneau Mountain Rescue and six years on the Eaglecrest Ski Area board of directors. He is currently president of the Eaglecrest Foundation.



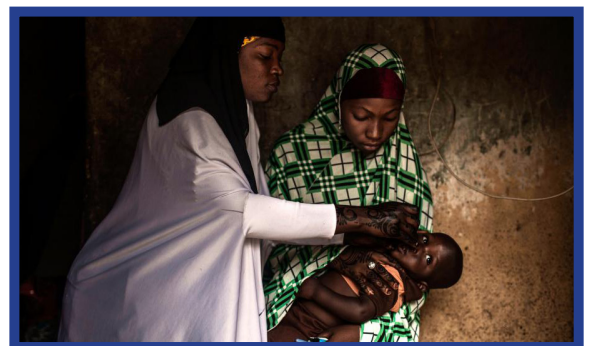
More info online at <http://www.mcdowellgroup.net/>

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS: ROTARY RELEASES \$34.8 MILLION FOR POLIO IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds, whose release was announced 20 January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.



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A NOTE FROM OUR FRIEND BOB REHFELD...

After 35 rounds of radiation and three hits of chemo, the fine folks at Virginia Mason finally determined they could no longer bill my insurance for any more treatment so they sent me on my way with glad tidings and best wishes. Following the last day of radiation, the patient tolls this bell three times to signify completion of their treatment. Needless to say I was happy to ring the bell but it was also a bittersweet moment as I bid farewell to the fine radiation techs who cared for me over the prior six weeks. I am going on my second week of recovery and am slowly getting back to my old self as my throat heals from the radiation treatment. I still can't taste much food but I am getting my calorie intake back up. I would once again thank all you who have been sending well wishes and prayers during my treatment and recovery. I also thank you for the gift and well wishes expressed at the annual Christmas lunch. Karen and I are excited to get back to Juneau although admittedly it will be hard to leave Seattle where it has been sunny and in the high 50's the last couple of days.



ROTARIAN MAGAZINE: YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING EBOLA ALL ALONG



Among the loved ones Elizabeth Mulbah has lost to Ebola: her foster daughter, Isatu Bayon, a nurse who caught the virus while caring for an Ebola-positive mother and infant; Bayon's 20-year-old daughter, who was named after Mulbah and nicknamed "Diamond"; Mulbah's sister-in-law, Jenneh Siabu; several nieces; and a heartbreaking number of colleagues. Mulbah is a former dean of a nursing school in Liberia, and as of November, 170 of the country's health workers had died. Her brother, Molley Sowoi, contracted the virus but survived. "There are so many of these stories," says Mulbah, a member of the Rotary Club of Sinkor, Liberia, one of the countries hit hardest by the outbreak. "We are brushing against death every day."

Grieving is complicated. In a place where physical contact is discouraged to halt the spread of the disease, there are no embraces, no handshakes. When Bayon died, the family buried her photograph in a casket; her body had been taken away to be cremated. "We blow kisses, cross arms in greeting, wave, bow our heads toward each other, shake our feet, sing, cry, and pray together," Mulbah says. "Telephones and text and email messages help a lot."

In West African countries affected by the Ebola outbreak, Rotarians step up to help — and take a page out of the Polio-Plus playbook.

Full story online at <http://therotarianmagazine.com/youve-been-fighting-ebola-all-along/>

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