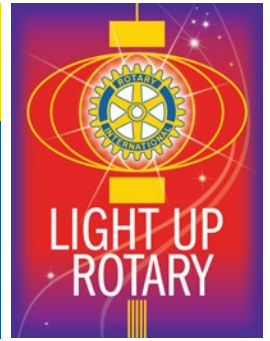


# ROTARY SPOKES

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## Rotary's End Game for Polio Eradication

After a year of shrinking polio cases worldwide, the crippling disease is now on the cusp of being eradicated, said top health officials at Rotary's second annual World Polio Day event on 24 October.

Our Speaker today is Past District 5240 Governor Wade Nomura is the current Chair of Membership Cadre for Rotary Zone 25 and 26. He is a charter member (2002) along with his wife Roxanne, and past Best Club president of the Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning.

He served as the District Governor in 2011-2012. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Charter member, Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Level 2 Bequest Society member, Major Donor and recipient of the Rotary International "Service Above Self" Award. Wade has been on 31 international trips for Rotary, including an NID to India, where he has a special passion, having had polio as a child.

Aside from Rotary, Wade is a Carpinteria City Councilman, Carpinteria Boy's and Girls Club Foundation President, Santa Barbara Junior Golf Tour Executive Director, Santa Barbara Japanese American Citizens League President, Japanese American National Museum Hall of Fame inductee for his accomplishments in the sport of BMX as a multi-time National Champion, and was honored with his wife Roxanne as the 2011 Carpinterians of the Year, mainly for their work as general coordinators for the \$1m Tomol Interpretive Play Area.

On World Polio Day, Rotary leaders joined global health experts and celebrity singers to hail the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.



After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the brink of ending polio by 2018, making it the second infectious disease to be eradicated.

"A world without polio is within our grasp more than at any point in the past," said Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, during a video message to

the audience. "The poliovirus continues to lose ground. Next month we will mark two years since the last case of wild poliovirus type 3, giving every appearance of eradication, and leaving only type 1 in the world."

The total number of global cases to date is 247, compared with 298 for the same period last year. Outside Pakistan, which saw its polio cases spike this year, the number of cases has been 35, a dramatic decrease from 187 a year ago. Pakistan accounts for 85 percent of global cases of polio this year, Frieden noted. Pakistan, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, are three remaining polio endemic countries.

The GPEI is on the verge of a major polio achievement in Nigeria. The country has registered only six cases to date this year. "Nigeria is in excellent position to stop circulation of polio this year," said Frieden. "It has gotten 'this close' to eradicating polio by a remarkable turnaround of the program, implementing an emergency operations

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## Recap of October 22 Meeting

Dab Holmes read a poem entitled "Your Name.". For Halloween, Staci Johnson led the club in a Rotary version of 'The Addams Family' theme song.

SusAnne Lee Chung updated the club on the Dictionary Project and asked members to sign up for distributing the books the first week of November. Barbara Asbell also asked members to sign up for the holiday bell-ringing. Kristin Taylor, speaking for the Coats for Kids project, announced in-kind donation from Cumulus for radio and related marketing. She also asked members to bring in gently-used 'furry friends' for the Children's Christmas Party.

Mike Anderson asked for people to help with the Senior BBQ, as well as the Polio Plus football pool. Ten dollars will get you a spot in the pool, with the prize being a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Kristin Taylor fined on geography. Betsy Chess, for her Rotary Moment, recently used the Four-way Test in a difficult situation to effectively overcome a challenge.

President Rob welcomed back Steve Chadbourne to the club and he thanked everyone who helped with the Color Run, particularly our club organizer, Mario de la Piedra.

### Program

Speaker Bruce Lawrence gave us the facts of sleep apnea, which is obstructed breathing during sleep. The health threat created by sleep apnea includes 23 times more likelihood of keart failure, depression, sexual dysfunction and cognitive impairment.

Despite these risks, some 80% os sufferers are not aware of the condition. Symptoms include snoring, catching breath, high blood pressure and daytime fatigue.

Bruce is himself a sufferer of sleep apnes. He recommends being tested if you believe you have symptoms. Possible remedies can include lifestyle change, surgery or uses of breathing apparatus, such as a CPAP machine.

## Today's Program *Rotary's End Game for Polio Eradication*

Introductions:

Dave Bianco

Rotary Moment:

Maria Berntson

Fining:

### Future Programs

Nov 05 Mentalist Lincoln Kamm

Nov 12 Vision of Care at New CMH

Nov 19 Member Spotlights



*Steve Chadbourne is welcomed back as a member by President Rob vanNieuwburg.*



*Speaker Bruce Lawrence shares the latest medical information about sleep apnea.*



*Kristin Taylor asked members to bring in used or new stuffed toys.*



*Barbara Asbell is leading the Salvation Army Bell-ringing campaign for our club.*



*SusAnne Lee Chung is seeking volunteers to help with the Dictionary Project.*



*Mike Anderson makes announcements for a BBQ and a football pool.*



*Dave Wellik, our exchange student Christian and Mary Kay Doubek help at the Senior BBQ.*



*Mike Montoya and Steve Warriner check out the kitchen at the Senior Center.*

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center, developing a proactive approach to eradication, finding innovative ways to reach children in insecure areas.”

Frieden talked about how Nigeria’s Polio Emergency Operations Center aided in the quick and effective response to the country’s Ebola outbreak. Senior officials from the center were sent to Lagos to lead the effort. They opened an Ebola treatment unit and conducted contact tracing with up to 500 people per day.

“In spite of these efforts, polio activities did not suffer,” said Frieden. “This is the legacy of polio eradication in action, and it saved lives by successfully stopping the outbreak.”

Most of the polio cases in Afghanistan in 2014 are the result of reintroduction from Pakistan, said James Alexander, senior medical epidemiologist for the CDC. But the country has made significant progress the last two years because of the implementation of its emergency action plan, he said.

“To ensure progress in 2015, there needs to be engagement with new national leadership, intensified focus on ‘missed’ children, and continued dialogue with other countries,” Alexander told attendees.

In March a key milestone was met when the World Health Organization certified its 11-country Southeast Asia region had eradicated polio. Now,



80 percent of the world’s population live in areas that are certified polio-free.

Led by Nepal, a group of 120 countries will introduce the inactivated polio vaccine in the next few months. IPV, an injectable polio vaccine, will be part of all routine immunization programs in every country,”

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko praised the work of the GPEI, calling the organization “perhaps the most ambitious and effective public-private partnership ever assembled.” More than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated since its launch.

The annual number of polio cases has fallen from 350,000 in 1988 to 416 in 2013, and 222 so far this year, a remarkable decrease of more than 99 percent. UNICEF estimates that 10 million people would have otherwise been infected, while 1.5 million lives have been saved.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.2 billion to polio eradication since taking on the disease in 1979. That amount got a significant boost earlier this week after Rotary announced it will provide an additional \$44.7 million toward the polio fight.

## Membership Updates:

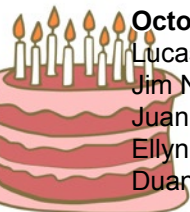
Christina Rust has been granted a Leave of Absence from 10/22/14 to 2/22/15. Ed Summers has been granted a Leave of Absence from 10/28/14 to 12/31/14.

### October Birthdays

John Williams, Oct 04  
Sandra Laby, Oct 10  
Scott Patterson, Oct 12  
Jim Duran, Oct 13  
David Wellik, Oct 21  
Brenda Allison, Oct 24  
Bob Cheatham, Oct 28

### October Anniversaries

Lucas Johnston, Oct 06  
Jim Newton, Oct 11  
Juan Soto, Oct 14  
Ellyn Dembowski, Oct 23  
Duane Georgeson, Oct 29



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