

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Ann Lee Hussey
South Berwick, Maine



Ann Lee Hussey knows just how indiscriminate polio can be.

It was 1955. Ann Lee was 17 months old. She hadn't been walking for very long when she developed a high fever and began stumbling. Her mother knew immediately that her daughter had contracted the polio virus.

“For me, it was unfortunate that I had polio. But I was very lucky to be an American.”

While some children escaped with mild symptoms – fever and vomiting – Ann Lee had the paralytic form. She wore braces in grade school and endured many operations.

Ann Lee, who, along with her husband, Michael Nazemetz, owns the Village Veterinary Clinic in

Rollinsford, New Hampshire, witnessed the devastating affects of polio on the scores of crippled beggars in Delhi, India and in the hospitals where doctors attempted to undo the twisted damage a 50 cent dose of the oral polio vaccine could have prevented – a vaccine approved for use in the US the same year Ann Lee was struck by the horrifying disease.

Despite the affliction of polio, Ann Lee says she considers herself one of the fortunate ones.

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WELCOME TO THE 2003 JOINT SERVICE CLUBS MEETING

of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth

Host Club

Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth



“Service Above Self”

Officers

President - Rick Dobson, Jr.
President-Elect - Jeff Gabrielson
Vice President - Frank Butterworth
Secretary - Paul Butler
Treasurer - Marcie Martelle

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed, with clubs chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as The Rotary Foundation in 1928. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, an outpouring of Rotarian donations made in his honor, totaling US\$2 million, launched the Foundation's first program — graduate fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than US\$80 million annually and support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with non-governmental organizations and national governments through its PolioPlus program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus volunteers and will immunize more than two billion children worldwide. By the 2005 target date for certification of a polio-free world, Rotary will have contributed a half billion US dollars to the cause.

Rotary club projects promote literacy, provide disaster relief, support Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio, and address other critical community and world issues.

The Mission of Rotary is expressed in its "Object":

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs."

Since the beginning, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community

Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the association's 1925 international convention.

Today, in addition to their international *SightFirst* program, Lions extend their commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts. Lions provide 600,000 free professional glaucoma screenings and make 20,000 corneal transplants possible each year.

Lions are also involved in a variety of other activities to improve their communities and help people in need, such as assisting the hearing impaired, providing diabetes awareness and education materials, working on environmental projects, developing youth programs, providing community parks, playgrounds, senior citizen programs and medical care for those in need.

Lions remain committed to improving the lives of those less fortunate around the world and right at home.

Lions Clubs International Mission Statement

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.



South Portland Kiwanis Club

Officers:

President - David Rooker
Secretary - Linda Noone
Treasurer - Dick Sirois

Founded in 1915 and headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, Kiwanis International is an organization of service- and community-minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world.

Worldwide, the entire Kiwanis family is committed to eliminating the devastating effects of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), the world's leading preventable cause of mental retardation. More than 1.5 billion people are at risk of suffering IDD because they do not receive enough iodine in their diet. But, because of Kiwanis' efforts, many parents who have been affected by IDD are able to watch their children grow up healthy and reach their full physical and mental potential. The results of the IDD program will benefit every future generation.

Service projects often are linked to the Kiwanis program, "Young Children: Priority One." This initiative places continuing focus on the needs of children in pediatric trauma, safety, child care, early development, infant health, nutrition, and parenting skills.

Service projects also can address other needs within the community, such as working to stop substance

abuse, helping the elderly, promoting literacy, supporting youth sports and recreation, responding to disasters, and supporting specific persons in need.

The six permanent Objectives Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Cape Elizabeth Lions Club

Officers:

President - Eric Knight
1st V.P. and incoming President - Bruce Balfour
2nd V.P. - Rick Perham
3rd V.P.- George Montpelier
Secretary - Gene Weisman
Treasurer - Richard Brooks
Tail Twister - George Olsen
Lion Tamer - Rad Mitchell

Thornton Heights Lions Club

Officers:

President- Judy Carpenter
1st VP- Connie Gilman
2nd VP- Richard Campbell
3rd VP- Diane Longley
Secretary- David Bruneau
Treasurer- Terri Bruneau
Tail Twister- Carol Bruneau
Lion Tamer- Joanna Roberts

South Portland Lions Club

Officers:

President - Robert Burbank
1st V.P. - John Gendreau
2nd V.P. - Loucas Prodromou
3rd V.P. - James Wickham
Secretary - Thomas Bakker
Treasurer - Gail Anderson
Lion Tamer - Aubert Godbout
Tail Twister - Michael J. Eastman

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their



President Rick Dobson and members of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth extend to our fellow colleagues-in-service the warmest welcome. We hope this joint meeting will provide a pathway to renewing the tradition of annual joint service club meetings in our two communities. We share common communities, common desires and common values. Clearly we are not in competition. Our mottos define us. We are partners in service.