



**How Close Are We** – THIS CLOSE!! Margaret Chan, the head of the WHO, made the official announcement on Friday that polio has been eradicated in Nigeria. Furthermore according to Bob Scott, former Rotary International Polio Committee chair and one of the speakers at the Zone Institute, in the past 6 months there have been only 19 cases of polio. To help us make it to the finish line, our club is doing an encore of Polio Dine-Around. This year you have a choice of two different weekend dates:

Sunday, October 18 – at the home of the Bagdasarians

Saturday, October 24 – at the Danielsons' & Tranfaglias'

Cost is again \$25 per person, but donations beyond that are also welcomed. (Based on last year's meals, the \$25 cost was a bargain!) Last year all those who attended raved about the food and the fun they had – this year promises to be equally spectacular. Sign up online; contact Sue Sturtevant or Nancy Irving if you have questions.

**Sinking Our Teeth In** – Our program this week was a fascinating classification talk by long-time member Dave Bagdasarian. (*Unfortunately I started writing the bulletin on Thursday before I left for Providence and somewhere along the way I misplaced my notes from Wednesday night so I'm going from memory here.*) Dave started out with some fun facts about dentistry such as

- Flossing is much more important than brushing.
- Unlike what your mother told you, it's better to leave the cap OFF the toothpaste tube.
- George Washington's dentures were not made of wood.

He then went on to tell us about the history of dentistry, including some of the more recent advances (such as sit-down dentistry, which makes the job much easier). Dave's own story is that he grew up in Massachusetts and attended UNH, where he played on an outstanding hockey team (he didn't say that part – I added it, since we slightly overlapped at UNH). Notice that I said "attended" UNH because he did not graduate from there – he left after his junior year to go to dental school at Georgetown. After graduation, he did an internship with the US Public Health Service at a hospital in Norfolk (I think?). After his internship he had an obligation to serve the US Public Health Service so he asked to be assigned to the Marine Hospital at what is now Martin's Point. The rest is history – Dave remained in Maine and joined Rotary, much to our benefit.

**In the Lion's Den** –The Cape Elizabeth Lions, our neighbor service club, held a lobster dinner for the community on Saturday and several of our members supported it. Pictured are Tom & Marti Meyers, John & Sue LoBosco, James LoBosco and his wife, Bob & Alicia Danielson, Nancy & Scott Irving, Tony Wagner & Sally Campbell. Also there but not in the picture was Rich Daniels.

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