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Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio



L. J. Romero, our area Assistant District Governor, will present a special program highlighting Rotary's role to date and the efforts needed to achieve the goal of eradicating polio by the year 2005.

The materials and Power Point presentation for the program were developed by the Rotary International Foundation and should provide an in-depth look at the accomplishments of the Polio Plus program and how we as Rotarians can help bring a successful conclusion to this noble effort.

With the advice and support of the late Dr. Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine, Rotary International established its Polio Plus program in 1985. The Rotary

Club of Beaumont played a major role in raising funds for the initial phase of this humanitarian effort.

The unique partnership of Rotary International, the World Health Organization, United States Center for Disease Control and the United Nations Children's Fund has achieved incredible results in the effort to eradicate polio over the past sixteen years.

In the weeks ahead the Polio Plus Committee of our Club will be highlighting the needs and opportunities we have to make the final phase of Polio Plus a success.

This Wednesday we will begin our journey to be a part of the final phase of eradicating polio by the year 2005.

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Friday, Nov. 1 & Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002 5:30 PM

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Future Programs

October

16th Rotary Goes to Work
23rd Billy Tubbs
30th Ferrell Jenkins

November

6th General Joseph Ashy (Ret.)
Veteran's Day Program

Makeups

Monday:

No. Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69
Vidor.....Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
Orange.....Sunset Grove
Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland.....Garden Tea Room

Program Review

The October 2nd meeting was cancelled due to the Jefferson County Evacuation Order issued due to Hurricane Lili's approach.

We hope our scheduled speaker, Jack McClelland, will be able to join us for a later meeting.

I was able to send e-mail notifications to all members for whom I have e-mail addresses. Please let me know if you have an e-mail address but did not receive notification.

PolioPlus

Polio is a highly infectious but preventable disease that can cause paralysis and sometimes death. The vaccine has been available for over 40 years and costs only seven cents per dose. Helping governments eliminate polio makes economic sense, as \$1.5 billion is spent every year on routine polio immunization. In the United States alone, \$350 million is spent each year for polio immunization — protection that must continue until after the world is certified polio-free.

Eradicating polio is Rotary International's highest priority. In 1985, Rotary created the PolioPlus program and resolved to immunize all the children in the world against polio by its 100th anniversary in the year 2005. As the largest global health initiative ever undertaken by a private entity, PolioPlus served as the catalyst for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, launched in 1988. The coalition of organizations that have joined Rotary in this project includes UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This worldwide eradication effort has already stacked up a remarkable record. Polio vaccine has reached

Rotary Goes to Work

On Wednesday, October 16th, there will be no Rotary meeting at the Hilton. Instead, you may choose to attend at any of 15 other locations around the city, all places where your fellow Rotarians work.

So far, 143 of you have signed up. You have filled up all the space at the Blue Bell Creameries (surprise!!) and Kitchen Concepts. That still leaves 13 sites with eager hosts and hostesses.

We will order food for those of you who sign up but, if you fail to do so, you won't get credit for attendance that day.

Look for **John Quigley's** table out in front at the October 9th meeting and pick a spot for lunch on October 16th. In addition to a sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie and a drink (all for \$7), each site will have surprising information.

There's a city hall, a newspaper, a food bank (where they had the most fun last year), a motorcycle emporium, a museum, a law office, an accounting office, a funeral home, a furniture store, a charitable foundation, a car repair establishment, a chamber of commerce and a television station.

Many years ago, if you didn't sign up, you were assigned a spot. That is no longer the case. Sign up or be left out of one of Rotary's most memorable meetings of the year.

more than 2 billion children in 122 countries — largely with the help of more than 1 million Rotary volunteers. Some have been known to travel by boat, jeep, helicopter and camel to administer the vaccine to children in remote areas. In 1988, polio cases were reported in 125 countries worldwide according to the World Health Organization. By 2000, only 20 countries had reported cases. Some 4 million children who might have been paralyzed are walking and playing normally today!



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Birthdays



10th Robert Robertson (63)
Vice President, J.S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and

Lamar University. Robert and his wife June are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing tennis. Robert is a Paul Harris Fellow.



11th Ron Reed (99)
President/CEO, Lamar Bank. Born in Portales, New Mexico, he is a graduate of St. Edwards University. Ron has two children,

Lori and Wesley. He enjoys playing tennis and scuba diving.



12th Sina Nejad (95)
President, Sigma Engineers Inc. Born in Tehran, Iran, he is a graduate of Lamar University. Sina and his wife Soheila are the parents of a son, Amir and daughter, Layla. Sina enjoys parachuting and taking violin lessons with his son.



13th Ted Moor III (93)
Executive Vice President, Talon Insurance Agency. Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Texas Tech and the University of Texas. Ted and his wife Barbara have two children, Kelly and Kristen. He enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, and playing golf.



13th Alan Sampson (98)
Partner, Benckenstein & Oxford. A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas School of Law.

Alan and his wife Norma are the parents of Sarah, Micah and Benjamin. They are members of the Temple Emanuel Congregation. Alan enjoys playing golf.



14th Paul Davidson (95)
Executive Vice President, Hibernia National Bank. Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Lamar University and Texas Tech. Paul

has one son, Hunter and is a member of Westgate Baptist Church. He is a private pilot and enjoys hunting, fishing and all sports.



14th Jason Sellers (01)
Executive Director, American Red Cross. Born in Ottawa Kansas, he is a graduate of Baker University. Jason and his wife

Angie are the parents of Shelby, AJ and Sadie. Jason likes to collect Mustangs and enjoys playing golf.



16th Charles Locke (58)
Retired President, Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Texas A&M.

Charles and his wife Gloria have two children, David and Ann, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. Charles is a Paul Harris Fellow.



16th Larry Porter (74)
President/CEO, Porter's Carpetmax. Born in Jean, he is a graduate of Lamar University. Larry and his wife Jalle are the parents

of Larry III, Cathy and Pam. Larry enjoys golf, woodwork, and photography.

IS YOUR BIRTHDAY COMING SOON?

Please notify the Rotary Office of changes in your life. The data in the birthday bios comes from your information sheet.

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