

## Rotarians At Work

Prayer ~ Doug Lowe

Song & Pledge ~ Jerry Newton

Guest Intro ~ Mike Thomason

Attendance ~ Kimberly McGuire & Connie Fain

## Today's Program

Timothy Triplet ~ "Why we eat weird"

## Upcoming Programs

1/13 - Roger McCabe ~ Foundation Program

1/20 ~ Byron Cook ~ State Rep on "the 4-way test"

## Birthdays

William T La Rue ~ January 8

Kimberly McGuire ~ January 8

## Wedding Anniversaries

David & Carol Turner ~ January 8 ~ 39 years

## Rotary Anniversaries

Brick Parsons ~ January 6 ~ 6 years

Doug Lowe ~ January 7 ~ 12 years

## Caterer's

January 6 ~ Giovanni's

January 13 ~ Red Fire Grille

January 20 ~ Sabor a Pasion

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District 5910



# Rotarian Happenings



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Above, billboards along the route promote Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio. Right, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko speeds through a turn near the beginning of the race. Hewko completed the 104-mile course for the fourth straight year.

The fight to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the annual Miles to End Polio bike ride that took place in November in Arizona. Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise \$4.4 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to more than \$13.5 million.

This is the fourth year in a row that Hewko has biked in the 104-mile (167 km) El Tour de Tucson ride, one of the country's top cycling events. More than 100 Rotary members from Arizona and around the world hit the pavement with the Evanston team. The RI staff riders have been training together since September. "In the beginning, riding 104 miles seemed impossible," says Jean Stanula, Rotary's Global Events supervisor. "But we came together early Saturday mornings and rode 20, 40, 60, and 80 miles. After a while, it felt like we could do anything."

Contributions of District Designated Funds (DDFs) were a big part in this year's fundraising effort, with more than \$1.4 million collected. Districts can continue to donate DDFs to support the fundraiser through 30 November. President-elect John Germ will visit the district that donates the most DDFs, and the top five contributing districts will be recognized onstage at the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul.

Rotary members have taken part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In the first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown exponentially ever since.

## January Jr. Rotarians

Elkhart: Bridgett Barnett

Elkhart: Tucker Johnson

Oakwood: Faith Lipsey

Oakwood: David Allen

Palestine: Astrid Sandoval

Palestine: Ryan Jenkins

Westwood: Jasmine Peralta

Westwood: Freedom Thompson

[FYI: January is] Organ Donation Awareness, Cervical Cancer Awareness, Thyroid Disease Awareness, Glaucoma Awareness



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Above, riders set off on the 2015 El Tour de Tucson in Arizona, USA.

## Roll Rotary

Roll Rotary, roll along, roll along!  
Roll Rotary, roll along, roll along  
Marching onward, upward ever,  
Till at last we reach the heights above.  
Roll Rotary, roll along, roll along!  
Roll Rotary, roll along, roll along.  
Till all people of the world are one in Rotary.

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