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History of the Club

On Tuesday evening, June 3rd, 1913, the Rotary Club of Palestine held its first meeting. Some 20 members were present. The group, which had been called together by Harry I Meyers, met at the Interstate dining room in the International Hotel. Myers, a Palestine native, had come back home in 1912 from San Antonio to join members of his family at the Grand Leader Department store. Perhaps he had heard of the Rotary Club organized in 1912 in San Antonio.

Club officers were elected with twenty-nine-year-old Myers as club president. The newspaper article about that meeting states that "the object of the Rotary Club is to promote social relations between business men."

At the time of its organization, the Palestine Club was the 75th Rotary Club, world-wide, and the 8th club in Texas.

President Greg



October is Economic and Community Development Month in Rotary. This focus reminds us that lasting change begins when people are given opportunities to build better lives.

Through vocational training, small business support, and community projects, Rotarians help create hope and stability both locally and globally.

This month, let's consider how we can support entrepreneurs, mentor youth, and strengthen our own community's economic fabric. Every effort - big and small - helps bring Rotary's visino of opportunity for all to life.

Greg

ROTARIANS AT WORK





October 1st

Invocation - Tim Kennedy Song - Timothy Triplett Pledges - Brian Walsh Four Way Test -Randy McKee Clean Up - Dollinda Toole Caterer -Home Grill

October 8th

Invocation - TBA Song - Jerry Newton Pledges - Richard Rutledger Four Way Test - Chris Keller Clean Up - Cassie Ham Caterer - Mario's

October 15th

Invocation - Harold Campbell Song - Leon Willhite Pledges - Matt Winchester Four Way Test - Lynn Willhite Clean Up - Lynn Willhite Caterer - KT Foods

October 22nd

Invocation - Tommie Bailey Song - Elaine Triplett Pledges - Richard Rutledge Four Way Test - Amy McGuire Clean Up - Dollinda Toole Caterer - Pint and Barrel

October 29th

Invocation - Amelia Davis Song - Jerry Newton Pledges - Megan Bedre Four Way Test - Cindy Piersol Clean Up - Doillinda Toole Caterer - Mazzio's

RI President Message



Francesco Arezzo

Rotary Club Ragusa Italy

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures.

This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership. Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve. Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal. This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India – and with the Indian organization Sevalaya Trust – to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing-machine provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracized by society after widowhood. This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address eir community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise. This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyze opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups? Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collab- oratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development. By building capacity - whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepre- neurship programs - we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take owner- ship of their progress, change becomes sustainable. Let us lead with good intention and provide sup-port with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communi- ties, empowering individuals, families, and societies. Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last. Page 2

JR ROTARIANS



ELKHART HIGH SCHOOL



Cali Boyd

Kollin Peiffer



PALESTINE HIGH SCHOOL





Isaiah Hill

Ross Langley





<u>WESTWOOD</u> HIGH SCHOOL



Benjamin Cochran

Cora Osei-Adjei



Birthdays & Anniverdaries

October 4th - Shweta Patel
October 16th - Megan Bedre
October 23rd - Robert Johnston
October 27th - Phil Johnson

Oct. 6th - Mary & Shane Raum Oct. 6th - Randy & Krissy McKee Oct. 12th - Phil & Mona Johnson

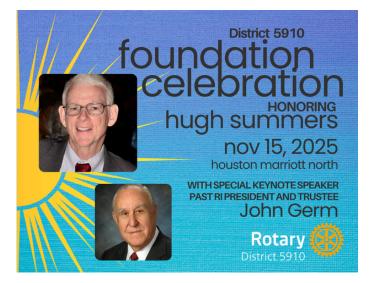
Years of Service

Shweta Palel - 2 Years

Dollinda Toole - 2 Years

Becky Rutledge - 3 Years

Jason Marshal - 14 Years





ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH





designates Rotary October Economic and Community Development Month to highlight projects sustainable. lasting focused on economic improvement in communities. During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide emphasize how they use vocational skills to support entrepreneurs, provide opportunities for productive work, and build capacity

in community leaders to foster long-term growth and reduce poverty.

Key Focus Areas for Rotary in October

<u>Sustainable Economic Growth:</u> Clubs work to create long-term economic stability through various projects and investments.

<u>Community Well-being:</u> Rotary projects aim to improve the overall quality of life and social fabric of communities.

<u>Poverty Reduction</u>: Initiatives focus on creating job opportunities and providing the resources needed for people to achieve economic independence.

<u>Empowerment of Local Leaders:</u> Building the capacity of community leaders and entrepreneurs enables them to drive local development.

<u>Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship</u>: Supporting small businesses and providing vocational training helps create more productive and resilient communities.





Humanitarian or professional?

As Rotarians we have two essential callings: Professional action or humanitarian action.

Overtime, the humanitarian side has often taken center stage, but it is important to remember that Rotary was also founded as a place for professional exchange, a forum for reflection on ethics and service in professional life.

Today, some suggest giving more space to this original dimension. Should we choose between the two? No: the challenge is to balance and connect our actions.

The professional skills of our members strengthen the quality of our humanitarian projects, while solidarity gives deeper meaning to our professional journeys.

A vibrant club is one that values both dimensions and knows how to combine them.

In this way, we remain faithful to Rotary's founding spirit and attractive to the generations to come.

WORLD POLIO DAY

Rotary wants to eradicate polio to save children from irreversible paralysis and death, prevent a surge in new cases (up to 200,000 children paralyzed each year), reduce global healthcare costs, and achieve a historical public health victory comparable to smallpox eradication. Motivated by a 1979 project in the Philippines, the organization launched the PolioPlus initiative in 1985 to mmunize every child and continues to collaborate with global partners like the World



Health Organization, <u>UNICEF</u>, and the Gates Foundation to achieve a polio-free world.

HOW ROTARY IS WORKING TO END POLIO GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS:

Rotary International is a key partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), working with governments, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

DEDICATED FUNDING and VOLUNTEERS:

Since launching its PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary has committed billions of dollars and countless volunteer hours to the cause.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Rotary works with local communities to build trust and encourage children's immunization, especially in areas with challenges in accessing healthcare.

Why Eradicate Polio?

- Prevent Paralysis and Death: Polio is a paralyzing disease with no cure; immunization is
 the only way to prevent it. Without continued efforts, it could paralyze hundreds of
 thousands of children annually.
- **Cost Savings:** A polio-free world could save the global economy billions of dollars in healthcare costs.
- Public Health Milestone: Eradicating polio would mark one of history's greatest public health achievements, proving that determination and collaboration can conquer a disease.
- **Protect Future Generations:** Eradication efforts protect children worldwide from a potentially life-altering disease and build on a legacy of public health progress.

Rotary International has spent more than \$2.6 billion towards polio eradication efforts, including matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, since launching its PolioPlus program in 1985. Through its partnership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has helped reduce polio cases by over 99.9% and has protected billions of children from the disease.

Programs

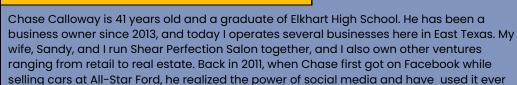
SOCIAL MEDIA Chase Calloway

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since to grow every business I've been a part of. That experience eventually led me to create Journey HQ, an automotive content brand that has grown into a large online community. Through all of these projects, my goal has been to combine entrepreneurship, creativity, and community. Sandy and I live here with our three cats, and we're proud to call East Texas home.

McGINNIS FARM PROGRAM **Braden and Jordan McInnis**

Braden and Jordan McInnis are first-generation farmers from Anderson County, Texas, recognized for their agricultural success and advocacy for the farming industry. They won the Texas Farm Bureau's Young Farmer & Rancher contest in 2019 and went on to win the national American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award in 2020. Their operation includes growing corn, wheat, cotton, soybeans, grain sorghum, and hay, raising cattle, and offering



commercial spray applicator services and timber clearing. Jordan also works as an agricultural science teacher at Elkhart High School. Their dedication and success in farming earned them top honors in both the Texas and national Young Farmer & Rancher competitions.

Palestine Regional Medical Center Melissa Jones

Melissa has been a Labor and Delivery nurse for 31 years and serves as the Maternal Child Health Director at Palestine Regional Medical Center. She is certified in Inpatient Obstetric Nursing and Electronic Fetal Monitoring. She is currently serving as the Maternal and Neonatal Program Manager at Palestine Regional and is integrally involved in the development and implementation of the quality program for that department. She is the key contact

erson for the facility for the Texas AIM program (Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health) which is a maternal health and safety program implemented by the Texas Department of Health to end preventable maternal death and morbidity in Texas.

PRMC has become a partner with the North Texas Milk Bank to become a milk depot site with the plan to eventually become a donor site. We are also working with Birth Tissue Donor Services which allows patients to donate their placentas to be used for tissue grafts to help burn victims, those with wounds, and also to create ocular grafts and lenses.

SCAMS - What should we do! Officer Freddy Nino (Community Liason)

"Scams inflict financial, emotional, and social harm on victims, causing significant monetary loss, psychological distress like anxiety, depression, and feelings of shame, and a breakdown of trust in financial systems and relationships. These consequences can be severe and long-lasting, affecting mental health, damaging one's reputation, hindering future financial activities, and even leading to social isolation and decreased self-esteem.



IR ROTARIAN SPEECHES Elkhart, Palestine & Westwood HS's

"Junior Rotarians" are High school seniorsselected through their school's guidance office, faculty, or community involvement.invited by our Club to learn about Rotary, experience community service, and develop leadership skills and to expose them to Rotary's values of service, leadership, and fellowship.

2026 ROTARY SCHOARSHIP GALA





We are excited to announce our upcoming Rotary Scholarship Gala. This event aims to celebrate the achievements of our scholarship recipients and raise funds for future scholarships that support local students in their pursuit of higher education.

We are reaching out to invite you to join us for this special evening. Your support is invaluable to our mission, and we would be honored to have you as our guest. The evening will feature a dinner, live entertainment, and focus on celebrating life and community.

Event Details: Date: November 1, 2025 @ 6-10pm Location: Meals on Wheels

Jodi Davis, Incoming Rotary President 2026

Empowering Education, Enriching Community

We invite sponsors to join us in our mission of service above self by partnering with us for a momentous occasion. Plan for a fun evening dedicated to supporting academic achievement and investing in the future leaders of our community. This inspiring event brings together civic-minded individuals, local businesses, and visionary organizations to champion the cause of education and provide life-changing opportunities for deserving students. Attendees will enjoy a fun evening featuring a wonderful dinner, live entertainment and a cultural celebration of life and community.

"Celebration of Life" The Marigold Event Sponsor - \$1500 (table for 8)

"Vibrant & Cheerful" The Red Cockscomb Sponsor- \$1000 (table for 8)

"Peace, Beauty & Sympathy" The Gladiolus Sponsor- \$500 (4 tickets)

"Remembrance & Faithfulness" The Chrysanthemums Sponsor-\$250 (2 tickets)

"Purity, Love & Innocence" Single ticket purchase-\$75 (1 ticket)

\$750 table of 8 -you pick your seated guests & special bottle at table

Form attached to email!

RI International Convention





2026 Rotary
International Convention

TAIPEI, TAIWAN
June 13-17, 2026
Register and pay in full by
December 15, 2025
before prices increase, at
convention.rotary.org



ROTARY FLOAT BUILDING

- o For Hot Pepper Festival Parade
- Every Thursday @ Rotary Bldg @ 5:30pm until finished
- Contact Shweta for futher info

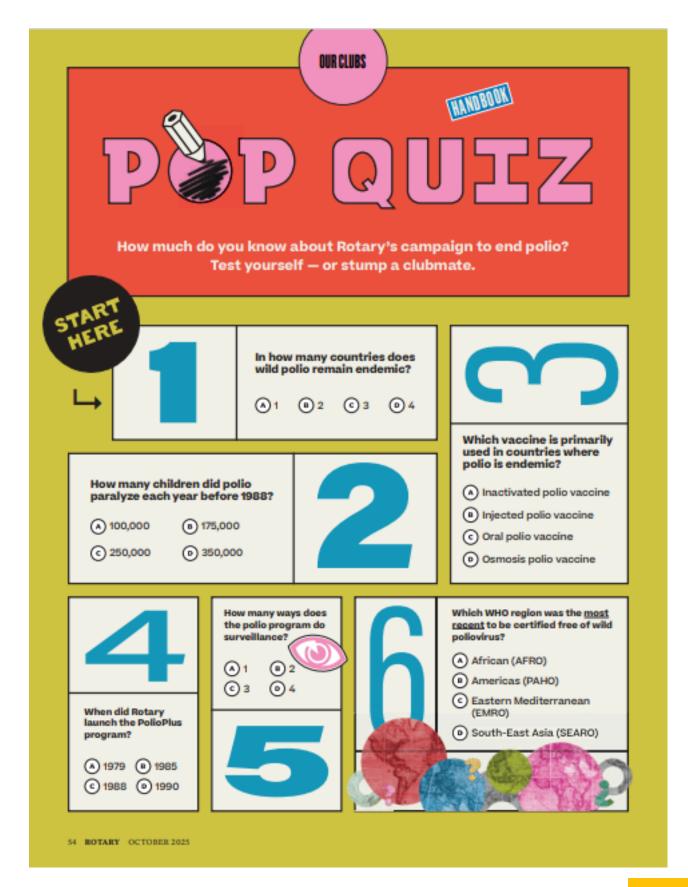
SAFETY TOWN

- o Oct 31st @ Northside Elementary @ 8:30am-11am
- o Sign up with Angela or Jordan

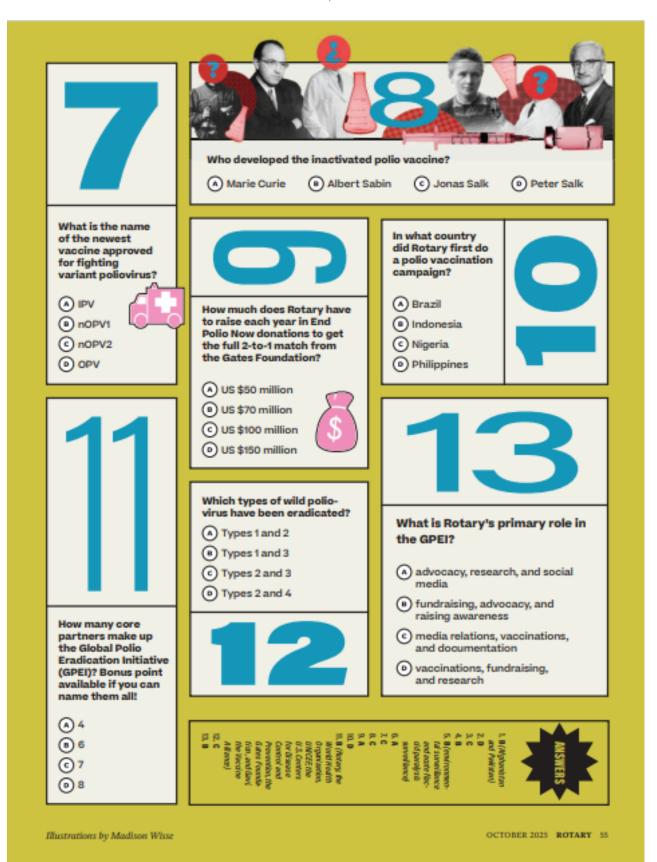
YOUTH EXCHANGE VISIT TO CRYSTAL LAKE

- o Oct 10th, 11th and 12th
- Opportunities to help with food and activities
- o Contact Greg or Jodi

POLIO POP QUIZ



POLIO POP QUIZ, contd.



END POLIO NOW!

SAVE THE DATE

I'm thrilled to share that the film Breathe will be showing at this year's Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF). It is a compelling story of ones man's journey with Polio. #EndPolioNow



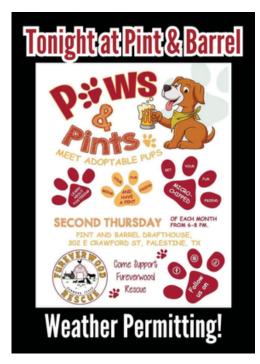
Can watch movie on Hulu, Tubi, Amazon Prime, etc.

After contracting polio at the age of 28, Robin
Cavendish is confined to bed and given only months to live. But with the help of his wife Diana and her twin brothers, and the groundbreaking ideas of inventor Teddy Hall,
Cavendish emerges from the hospital ward and devotes the rest of his life to helping fellow patients and the disabled.





Supporting Community Events













MEMBERSHIP

Bailey, Thomas* PH 1962 (Ann Lynn)	Funeral Home Director
Bedre, Megan 2024 (Barry)	Teacher Sponso
Brown, David 2023 (Linda)	Commercial Landscaping
Byrd, Jordan PH 2020 (Stevie)	Christian Ministe
Campbell, Harold PH PS 2005 (Deb)	Insurance
Chambers, Ryan 2025 (Amanda)	Attorney
Cook, Jim 2025	Dentis
Crutcher, Kasey 2020 (Jessica)	Multi-Line Insurance
Davis, Amelia 2024 (Charles)	Marketing
Davis, Dan* PH 1986 (Ruth)	Real Estate Agency
Dais, Jodi PH PS (Mark)	Realto
Davis, Mark* PH PS (Jodi)	Finance: Banking
Davis, Michael * PH 2009 (Sandy)	Law: Civi
Doran Jeff PH PS 2018 (Cheryl)	Corporate Lav
Duncan, Nicole 2025 (George)	TVCC Director
Flores, Rudy PH 2018 (Becky)	Law Enforcemen
Fontaine, Jerry PH 2007	Civil Engineerin
Gorby, Mike* PH PS MD 1994 (Carolyn).	Medicine: Interna
Ham, Cassie 2024 (Tim)	Tourism/Marketing
Harcrow, Mark 2019 (Landry)	Law Enforcement: Police
Henderson, Mark PH PS 1996 (Sheila)	Electric Motor Repai
Herrington, Rhonda* PH PS MD 1998	Education: Cur. Directo
Hollie, Lillian 2022 (Marvin)	Bookkeepe
Howell-Fields, Angela PH 2011 (?)	Wholesale Beverage
Johnson, Juanita 2023	Nursing Home Administration
Johnson, Phil 2021 (Mona)	Copy and Print Services
Johnson, Katie 2024 (Stewart Buckner)	Teacher Sponso
Johnston, Robert PH 2009 (Brenda)	Agriculture: Ranching
Keller, Chris PH 2021 (Allison)	Restaurateu
Kennedy, Tim 2024 (Shawn)	Teacher Sponso
Kimla, Bill 2023 PH (Josette)	Chemical Distribution Manage:
Kozik, Tim PH 2006 (Leah)	Home for Aged Mgmt
Lamb, John PH 2023 (Kathy)	Venue Owne
LaRue, Rusty* PH 1989 (Ellen)	
Lawson, Brittany 2025	Insurance Agen
Lindsey, Greg PH PS 2013	Auto Dealership
Link, Edwin PH 2013 (Kerran)	
Loveless, Larissa 2910 (Lee)	
Magdziak, Schyler PH 2014 (Cody)	
Marshall, Jason PH 2011 (Shanna)	Education: Administration
Martine, LeeAnn PH 2010 (Paul)	Heating and Air Conditioning
McAughan, John PH 2012 (Paula)	Project Engineer: Retired
McBroom, Cliff 2023	Pest Contro
McGuire, Amy PH 2019 (Jon)	Teacher Sponso

IT Consultant
Medicine: Urology
Civil Trial Law
Restaurateur
YMCA Director
Business Consultant
Lakeview Center CEC
Tourism Marketing
Financial Advisor
Funeral Home Director
Reg. Dir. Responsive Education
Auto Sales
Tech Consultant
Insurance Sales
Education: Administration
Oilfield Exploration
Real Estate Law
Nursing Home Admin
Air Service and Repair
Law: Real Estate
Financial Advisor
Banking
Evangelist
Engineering Automator
Automobile: Retailing
Attorney
Nursing School Director
Bus. Services Income Tax
Insurance: Property
Govt. Planning Service
CEO-WE Care Palestine
General Insurance
Oncor Manger

Past President *
Paul Harris Fellow PH
Polio Plus Society PS
Major Donor MD

2025-2026 Club Officers

President - Greg Lindsey President Elect - Jodi Davis Secretary - LeeAnn Martine Treasurer - Rhonda Herrington

Immediate Past President - Michael Gorby Director at Large - Hugh Summers

Membership Director - Dollinda Toole Foundation Director - Brett Weisenburn Service Director - Bill Kimla

Youth Director - Mark Tang Public Image Director - Angela Howell-Fields

l President - Mário César District Governor C

Asst Governor - Sam Smith