



The Serving Tray

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CHANGE OF LUNCHEON LOCATION: Ralph Cupelli said last week that the Joint Service Club Luncheon on Tuesday, November. 23 has been moved from TSU Georgian Room to the Newman Center, 703 S. Davis Street. This is due to uncertainty about the availability of the Georgian Room.



Michael K. McGovern on Global Polio Eradication Initiative:

PRIP Ray Klingensmith spoke about the history of Polio Plus and proposed a “Hall of Fame - Magnificent Seven” Polio Plus leaders (copy attached), including Mike McGovern, our speaker today via Zoom. Mike has served as the Chair of Rotary International’s PolioPlus Committee since October 2014. He represents Rotary on the Polio Oversight Board which governs the global polio eradication initiative partnership and chairs its Finance and Accountability Committee. Mike also serves as an adviser to Rotary’s Covid 19 Task Force. He is the programs chair for his

Rotary club and chairs the global board of the Rotary Leadership Institute. He joined Rotary in 1986 as a member of the **Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA**. He has served in many Rotary positions including as vice president of Rotary International and as vice chair of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation. He served his entire career with the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine USA beginning as an intern and serving as town manager for 31 years until his retirement in 2016. In addition to his Rotary service, he serves on a diocesan committee for his church and on the board of a not for profit senior living community in Portland, Maine.

From 1979 to 2021, wild polio cases have gone from 350,000 cases to only two cases, one January 1 in Afghanistan and one on January 27 in Pakistan. The immunization program has saved 1.5 million lives. It costs 10 cents/dose and \$2 each to administer. By the end of 2023, it is hoped that both wild and vaccine-derived cases will be eliminated. He said the outlook has never looked so good. The Taliban in Afghanistan said it will allow house-to-house vaccinations to resume on November 8. He said safety is an important concern. Last year 74 polio workers lost their lives, the highest number ever.

Mike said we should get the word out about polio eradication, with booths at events and reaching out on social media and through local media. He suggested engaging Rotaractors to reach a younger population.

Rotary has spent \$1.2B on polio eradication, matched to \$2.4B. Without continued immunization, however, these efforts would be undone (100,000 cases again in ten years). **END POLIO NOW.**

Guest:

Pat Kurtzman (Thousand Hills club)

50-50 Drawing: None this week.

Upcoming Programs:

Oct. 21: Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up, 5:30 pm Westlake’s

Oct. 27: Jesse Wolf/Kirksville Vocational Technical School

Oct. 30: Rotary Park Workday/9 am-Noon; **Nov. 3-** TBA

Nov. 10: Col. Jim Tenpenny/Veteran’s Day Commemoration

Nov. 17: Police Chief Scott Williamson

Nov. 23: Joint Service Club Luncheon/Newman Center