

THE SPOKE



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

**NO LUNCH MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 22:
TOM OGDEN PICNIC WILL KICK-OFF AT
6 PM AT HIS HOME!** Let Jeff Cartwright Smith
know before Tuesday if you can make it.
See more info below....

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ATTENDANCE

DRAWING WINNER: CINDY GADD
ROTARIANS: 19 **GUEST: DISTRICT GOV. MIKE RAULIN**

A NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR STIRS IT UP!



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ROTARY DISTRICT 6650

Mike Raulin, our new District Governor for 2017-2018, and from the Canfield club, was our guest speaker, and what a speaker he was. His enthusiasm for Rotary and all it stands for was truly inspiring. His background as a college professor really explained his ability in just a few minutes to pack in a lot of great information. One almost felt like he could show up tomorrow with a quiz sheet and I bet we all would remember most of the valuable information that he imparted to us.

Mike said that of course we all know one of the prime directives of Rotary International, that being to eradicate Polio. He went on to say that as of today, there are only 8 reported cases of Polio worldwide, and we as Rotarians can be proud of the fact that Rotary is greatly responsible for its demise. In the past 30 years since Polio Plus' inception, Rotary is responsible for inoculating over **2-1/2 billion**, yes, "billion" people worldwide. One month ago was the most recent reported case of polio and hopefully it will be the last in the world.

But Polio is just one of many monumental things that Rotary International has done and continues to do for mankind. For instance when Hurricane Katrina ravished New Orleans and the area, Rotary was there along with other noteworthy charities and health organizations, but when other organizations left after the storm, Rotary stayed on for four years, rebuilding storm devastated libraries, getting them up and running again.

Another major roll that Rotary plays in third world countries is helping African villages build clean water wells so that children and others do not continue to die from water-borne illnesses. Rotary has been helping cut the death rate "in half" over the last 30 years. In some villages children died before they reached their 12th birthday.

Now with Rotary's help, water wells are not only being built, but they are training the villagers as to how to maintain and fix them if they break. If a well broke in the past, the villagers would simply go back to their old way of collecting water and the sickness would start all over again.

Animals also became part of the problem as their waste would get into the water. So Rotary works with the villagers involving them in the solution process. With the villagers giving input and helping to solve their own problems, they now

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District Governor—
Mike Raulin

have the pride of their accomplishments that will carry their experience forward into other areas.

Mike encouraged our members to *Explore, Share and Enjoy Rotary.*

EXPLORE... other Rotary clubs, attend district events and if possible, attend a getaway to Rotary International's yearly destination convention.

SHARE... invite guests! They will like what they see. They may not join, but they may support Rotary in the community. Wear your Rotary pin on your shirt or jacket in public, you'll be surprised who may come up to you to ask about Rotary. Try Mike's "60-second Elevator Speech". Give people a brief review of what Rotary

is all about and invite them to lunch on the Rotary's dime!

That's what happened to Mike... he was invited to lunch and was excited with who he met and what Rotary was all about! And finally, **ENJOY ROTARY....**meeting people, even helping to pick up trash along the road as a public service can be fun as Mike says laughingly, by speculating on the reason all the beer bottles ended up there! Enjoy every activity and the people.

After all, its the glue that helps keep our clubs together! 🍷

SAVE THE DATE! OKTOBERFEST-SEPT. 23RD



Please look for the
volunteer "Sign-up"
sheet at the next
lunch meeting.
We need volunteers!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 10:
SUE GIAMBRONI

AUGUST 14:
MIKE PARKES

AUGUST 21:
TOM OGDEN

UPCOMING MEETINGS/PROGRAMS/EVENTS

We hope everyone can make these upcoming meetings:

AUGUST 22:
TOM OGDEN ANNUAL PICNIC:
NOTE: If you can make it to the picnic, please contact Jeff so he can get your name and/or guest name added to the picnic list before next Tuesday...so there will be enough food provided. Please contact Jeff at:
jcartwrightsmith@gmail.com

TOM'S ADDRESS: 230 Ogdan Manor, New Cumberland, WV 26047.

Hope to see everyone there!

AUGUST 29:
LINDA HENDERSON
TOPIC: Things that I learned in school.

SEPTEMBER 5:
MARK MANGANO.
More info to come.

SEPTEMBER 12:
FRED HENDERSON
More info to come.

SEPTEMBER 19:
STEVE CRAMER
More info to come.