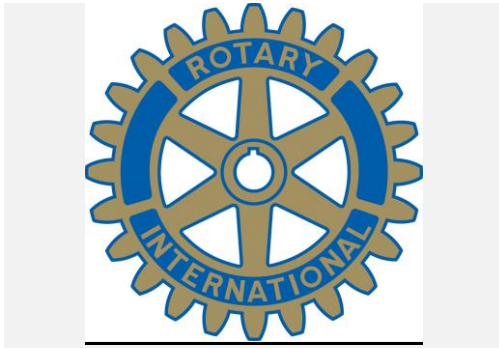


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April 2017



Meetings: Mondays at Noon
DJ'S Dugout
10308 South 23rd St.
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APRIL SPEAKERS

April 3: The Bellevue Bridge
April 10: Sarpy Cty Sheriff, Jeff Davis
April 17: The Papillion YMCA
April 24: Teacher Appreciation

GREETER AND INVOCATION

April
Greet.....Sarah Conaway
Invocation.....Colm Breathnach

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A note from Ayaka:

My sponsor club, Hamamatsu Rotary Club was established as 22nd Japanese Rotary club with about 20 people in 1936. Now, there are about 100 people in this club and also it is one of the biggest rotary club in my district. Every Tuesday, they gather for a meeting at lunch time. They donate money for "End of the polio" and also social welfare facilities. For international contribution, they give scholarship for foreign exchange students, helped foreigners in Hamamatsu.

To educate the young, they help the activity of Rotaract which is a service group with normally has 18-30 years old young people. And also they helped to make an elementary school with four classrooms in mountain village of Nepal. This activities are not only the Rotarians but also the wives for them too. For example, once they tried to help the disabled kids, in the facilities, they need women because they need help for cleaning, do laundry, repair things that is broken.

Every 10 years, Hamamatsu Rotary Club does many volunteer activities. They did tree planting in the park, they made a radio-controlled clock in front of Hamamatsu station, which is a big station in my city. For 2016 which was

the 80th anniversary of Hamamatsu Rotary Club, they held a contest to find and support ambitious students and business people who have creative ideas to develop the culture. They gathered a lot of ideas from not only adults but also from students.

These year, they are active for whole time especially in voluntary social service. For example, they keep donating money for social welfare facilities. For international contribution, they give scholarship for foreign exchange students, made an elementary school with four classrooms in mountain village of Nepal, help foreigner in Hamamatsu and so on.

FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

New book praises Rotary's role in fight to end polio

By **Sallyann Price**

A new book in the field of public health highlights Rotary's role in the global effort to wipe out polio, and places it in the context of humanity's relentless struggle to contain the world's epidemics.

In "[The Health of Nations: The Campaign to End Polio and Eradicate Epidemic Diseases](#)" (Oneworld Publications), British journalist and Sunday Times best-selling author Karen Bartlett surveys the global landscape of epidemics past, present, and future. Beginning with the 1980 eradication of smallpox, she guides us through more timely threats such as the Ebola and Zika viruses, and looks ahead to a future without malaria, measles, or polio.

"Who decided to rid the world of polio? Not politicians or global health organizations, as you might expect," she writes, in one of several chapters devoted to polio. "The starting gun was fired by Rotary International, a network of businessmen more used to enjoying convivial dinners, raising money for local good causes, and organizing floats to carry Santa Claus around suburban neighborhoods at Christmas."

Bartlett offers a comprehensive, readable account of the polio-eradication campaign's history and Rotary's unlikely role as its chief advocate. From epidemiologist John Sever's early suggestion that Rotary adopt ending polio as an organizational mission to the first immunization drives in the Philippines and Central and South America, the world community doubted both the idea of a campaign targeting a single disease and Rotary's capacity as a volunteer organization to execute it.

The narrative traces Rotary's mission to reach all the world's children with Albert Sabin's polio vaccine, the formation of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI), and the struggle to interrupt transmission in the world's poorest communities, particularly in densely populated countries like India, which has not reported a new case since 2011.

"Polio eradication is a twentieth-century dream, conceived by idealists and driven by big international institutions and mass mobilizations of volunteers, working together to make a better world for all," Bartlett writes.

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“It must succeed or fail, however, in a twenty-first century marked by factionalism, religious intolerance, and rising inequality.”

Aziz Memon, chair of Rotary’s National PolioPlus Committee in Pakistan, is interviewed about the challenges facing his country, one of the few where polio remains endemic and conflict has slowed progress. Carol Pandak, director of PolioPlus at Rotary headquarters, weighs in on the contributions of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in both funding and high-profile advocacy. Other prominent voices from Rotary’s GPEI partners chime in throughout.

Based in London, Bartlett has previously worked in politics and written for Newsweek and Wired. She’s produced documentary films and written nonfiction books, including a biography of musician Dusty Springfield and a collaboration with Anne Frank’s stepsister Eva Schloss on Schloss’ memoirs.

THE FOUR WAY TEST—of the things we think, say, or do:
Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity." -- Donald A. Adams

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."
-- Albert Schweitzer

"Service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on earth."
(traditional saying)

ROTARY TRIVIA

(Answer in next month's newsletter)

1. What are the Six areas of Focus for Rotary Foundation Global Grants?

ROTARY TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH

1. What is the "Secretariat of Rotary"?
The headquarters building in Evanston, IL.

AREA MEETINGS

Monday:

Omaha Millard, Noon @ German American Society

Omaha North, Noon @ Eppley Airfield Conference Center

Tuesday:

Omaha Morning, 7:00 am @ Happy Hollow Country Club

Northwest, Noon @ Champions

Run

Southwest Omaha Rotary Night Club, 5:15pm @Millard Plaza Ballroom

Wednesday:

Council Bluffs Centennial, 7:00am at HyVee

Downtown, Noon @ Field Club

Plattsmouth, Noon @ Plattsmouth State Bank

Thursday:

Suburban, Noon @ Anthony's

Friday:

Omaha West, Noon @ Champions Run