

ROTARY TAILINGS

Rotary Club of Jackson

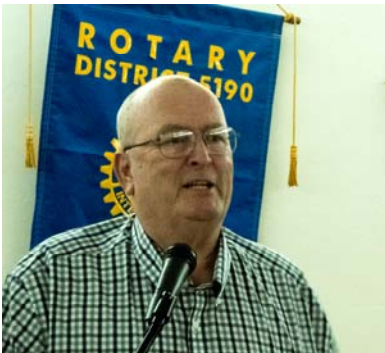


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Be a Part of Ending Polio

Pat Crew discussed Polio and World Polio Day. He noted that today, due to the success of vaccines, most young people do not even know what polio is. He told us that his Mom had polio and he knew kids growing up that suffered from this disease.



Polio is a very unique virus that attacks the spine and then expands to other parts of the body. In 1979 when Rotary first really got involved with the drive to eliminate polio there were a whopping 350,000 cases per year world wide. Now we are down to around a dozen which are in very finite areas of the world. However, the vaccination program has to continue everywhere until the last case occurs and for a period of three years thereafter. Despite horrendous difficulties in Pakistan and Afghanistan and with all of the Syrian refugees the end is near. Some have predicted that this might be the last year a case is recorded.

It would be fantastic if every Club member participates in this important push to eradicate polio. As an inducement, Pat announced that several Club members will use Rotary Foundation Recognition Points to increase Paul Harris credits for those members who donate between now and January 15, 2018. Very simply for every dollar a member contributes to Polio Plus they will receive a total of three Paul Harris Points. So \$100 becomes 300 points. In addition, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching donations so \$100 becomes \$300 in donations. There was an immediate response to this opportunity with members contributing \$100 or more. If you need additional points to reach your Paul Harris Level 1 or some higher level this is an excellent way to do so.

October 31 Meeting is a Costume Night

Just a reminder, the Halloween night meeting on October 31 is a Costume night. Be sure to wear your spookiest costume or you might have to spin the Wheel of Misfortune.

Meeting Highlights

Marv Hampton was recognized as Rotarian of the Month for all of his hard work on the Big Game Project.



Tammie and Ashley gave an outstanding presentation on the Operation Care Agency.



Lots of things were happening at the October 24 meeting. Soon-to-be-member Ben Larkey was again in attendance. His induction is set for November 7, Jimmy Wilson hosted Beverage night. Irene discussed a fellowship exchange she is working on with Rotarians from Portugal. There were lots of "Happy" members including Dirk, Marv, Keith deV and Eric. In the prior week Frank hit the jackpot and won \$192. This week there was just \$24 to win. Dave Mason gave it a spin and will be fine free next week. Does this mean he does not have to wear a costume? Another spinner was Rick Sprenkel who won a free dinner. Since he is off on a cruise next week the dinner and the joke will have to wait until he returns.

Dirk reminded everyone we will be dark on November 21 and that we will be collecting toys for the Sheriff's Toy drive and food for the Interfaith Food Bank at the Christmas Party on December 12.

>>CLUB CALENDAR: SAVE THE DATE<<

Tuesday October 31-Trick or Treat, it is Halloween

Tuesday November 7: Irene Perbal “My Life Under Nazi Occupation”

Tuesday November 14: Club Assembly

Tuesday November 21: Club is Dark

Thursday November 23: Happy Thanksgiving

Tuesday November 28: tbd

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Long Nov. 7

Ron Floyd Nov. 11

David Mason Nov. 16

Frank Verardi Nov. 17

Robert Manassero Nov. 18

Rick Sprenkel Nov 21

Art Long Nov. 29

Dan Barnett Nov. 20

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Joyce Riggsby No. 18

D’Arcy & Michelle Porter Nov. 19

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