



Metro Banner

Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary

District 5730 -- December 10, 2013

Consider an End-of-Year Contribution to Polio Plus at <https://www.rotary.org/en/end-polio>

We're so close to removing polio from the face of the Earth. Everyone needs to pitch in to win the battle. We've scored some successes in 2013; notably, the number of new polio cases to date is down in the three countries where polio is endemic. However, polio has reared its ugly head in five countries where we thought polio had been laid to rest.

New Polio Cases 2012-2013 by Country

Countries	Year-to-Date 2013	Year-to-Date 2012	Total in 2012	Date of Most Recent Case
Endemic				
Nigeria	50	111	122	8 - Oct - 13
Pakistan	70	56	58	16 - Nov - 13
Afghanistan	11	33	37	12 - Nov - 13
Total in Endemic Countries	131	↓	200	
Non-Endemic				
Ethiopia	6			19 - Sep - 13
Cameroon	4		0	30 - Oct - 13
Somalia	183		0	9 - Oct - 13
Syria	17		0	8 - Oct - 13
Kenya	14		0	14 - Jul - 13
Niger			1	15 - Nov - 12
Chad		5	5	14 - Jun - 12
Total in Non-Endemic Countries	224	↑	6	
Total	355	↑	205	223

Metro Board Meeting, Tonight, December 10, at 5:30 at Craig Alley's Office in the Pyramid Building. All Welcome.

- The ‘high season’ for polio transmission is seeing a dramatic expansion of polio in Pakistan. Over the past four months, 45 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported with evidence of widespread geographic transmission across the country. By contrast, 25 cases had been reported for the period January to July.
- The situation in Pakistan is increasingly worrying to the global eradication effort, especially in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) which remains the main transmission zone in Pakistan. This area is also affected by an outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). The risk of spread within the country and internationally is high.
- By contrast, cases during the ‘high season’ are on the decline in Nigeria. Since August, eight cases have been reported, primarily from Borno and Kano states, compared to 42 cases for the January to July period.



Data in WHO as of 04 December 2012 for 2012 data and 03 December 2013 for 2013 data.

- See more at: <http://www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx#sthash.5KnT1rRV.dpuf>

December 13, Joe Esposito, Texas Tech Asst. Men's Basketball Coach, Speaks



Esposito spent six seasons on Smith's staff in Minnesota as the Director of Basketball Operations. While in Minnesota, he handled all administrative duties of the Golden Gopher basketball program and coordinated all aspects of the Tubby Smith Basketball Camps and Clinics.

Esposito also was the head coach at Angelo State for eight years (1998-2006). Esposito recorded 118 wins in those eight seasons and left the school with the highest winning percentage of any coach in the program's history. In 2000-01, the Rams advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time in 10 years, and only the third time in school history. Angelo State won the Lone Star Conference South Division Championship with a 22-8 record, which tied the highest single-season win total in school history. In addition, Esposito was voted LSC South Coach of the Year in 2001.

December 20th – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Please sign up for one of the remaining shifts to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 20, from 10 am to 6 pm at Hobby Lobby.

Here are the names of Metro members who have already signed up. SarahLee Morris will be there all day.

To volunteer, email Brian Murry at bmurry@lubbocknational.com.



Time	Ringer #1	Ringer #2
10-11 AM		
11 AM to Noon	Dennis Reeves	Cal Brints
Noon to 1 PM	Phil Houchin	Susan Wierzba & Kim Martin
1-2 PM	Bonnie Schwarzentraub Susan Brints	Elyn Patterson
2-3 PM	Matt Smith	Ken Patterson
3-4 PM		
4-5 PM	Jerry Price	
5-6 PM	Caryl Smith	Walter Smith



December 6 Icy Roads, No Meeting

The Metro Board set a policy some time ago that we would follow LISD's lead when deciding whether to hold or cancel our meeting. If LISD cancels or delays classes, we cancel our meeting. On Friday the 6th LISD had a two hour delay, so we cancelled our meeting.



How to Propose a New Member

1. Talk with someone you'd like to invite to join Metro.
2. When he or she expresses an interest, fill out Part A of the "Membership Proposal Form" found at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/254en.pdf. It's only a couple questions long.
3. Give the completed form to Linda McMurry, Metro's Secretary.
4. After the Metro Board approves the proposed member, the Board will arrange to talk with the proposed member about membership in the club and ask her or him to fill out Part B of the "Membership Proposal Form."
5. Information about the proposed member will be published to club members; and if no objections are raised, after seven days the proposed member will become a member of Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary and the club secretary will report their membership to Rotary International.
6. The club president will arrange a formal induction ASAP at a club meeting.

Mark Your Calendars **ROTARY READERS DATES**

DUPRE SCHOOL – 21ST AND AVE T
7:00AM-7:45AM

2014:

January 16th
February 6th

March 6th
April 10th

May 8th



No Meeting, Friday, December 27

We'll not meet between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Happy December Birthdays and Anniversaries:



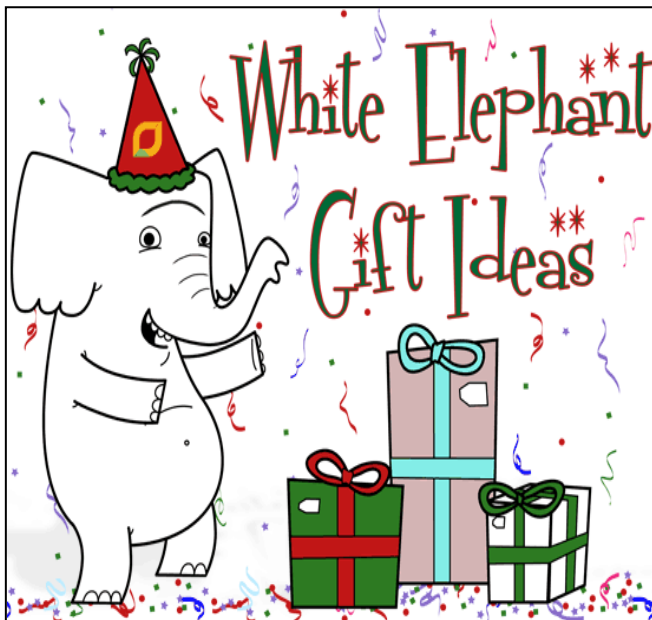
Birthdays:

Alley, Craig	Dec 22
Cooper, Travis	Dec 24
Guinn, Brent	Dec 24
Martin, Kim	Dec 27
Reeves, Dennis	Dec 30
Morris, Bill	Dec 31

Anniversaries:

Mason, Greg and Areace	Dec 09
Patterson, Elyn and Ken	Dec 28

December 20th – White Elephant Gift Exchange



Want to know what upcoming programs have been planned by President Elect SarahLee Morris and friends? Go to our club's ClubRunner homepage

(<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=9071>) and click on Speakers to get to this screen.

Dec 20, 2013

White Elephant Gift Exchange
"Holiday Fun Party!"

Jan 03, 2014

Classification Talks

Jan 10, 2014

Club Assembly

Jan 17, 2014

Susan Elizabeth Brints

"Malawi: Grace Center and Rotary Grants"

Jan 24, 2014

Brandale Randolph

"Project: Poverty"

Jan 31, 2014

Ambassador Tibor Nagy

"Annual "State of the World" Assessment"

Prominent Rotarians



George C. Marshall

Army General and 1953 Nobel Prize Laureate in Peace, USA
 Rotary Clubs of Columbus and Savannah, Georgia,
 Charleston, South Carolina and Uniontown, Pennsylvania



Dr. Charles H. Mayo

Co-founder, Mayo Clinic, USA
 Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota

Meals on Wheels Drivers

- Dec. 13 Dennis Reeves and Craig Alley
- Dec. 20 Kirk Thomas and Ken Clowes
- Dec. 27 Open – Need Drivers

Thanks, Ken Clowes for organizing our
 Meals on Wheels.





Rotary Readers December 5

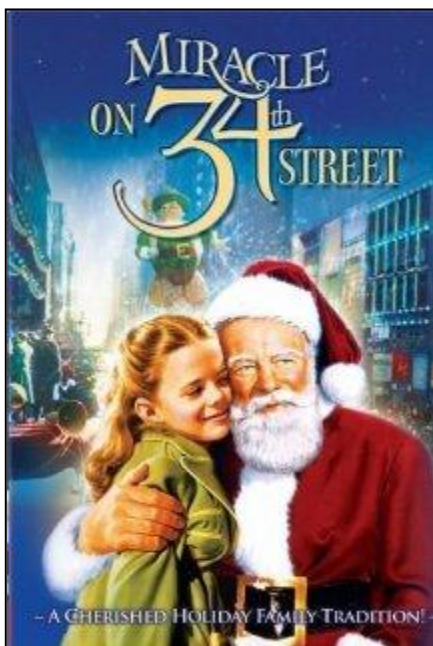
On a cold Thursday morning when Tech students were studying – maybe – and thus weren't able to help out, bunches of Metro Rotarians and spouses gathered at Dupre Elementary School to read with the youngsters.

John Key showed off the Metro book bag the students can earn by their faithful attendance each month.



Despite no donuts as an added enticement, the Dupre students turned out in good numbers.

Caryl's College of Useless Knowledge



What state has a town named Santa Clause; and what state has a town named North Pole?

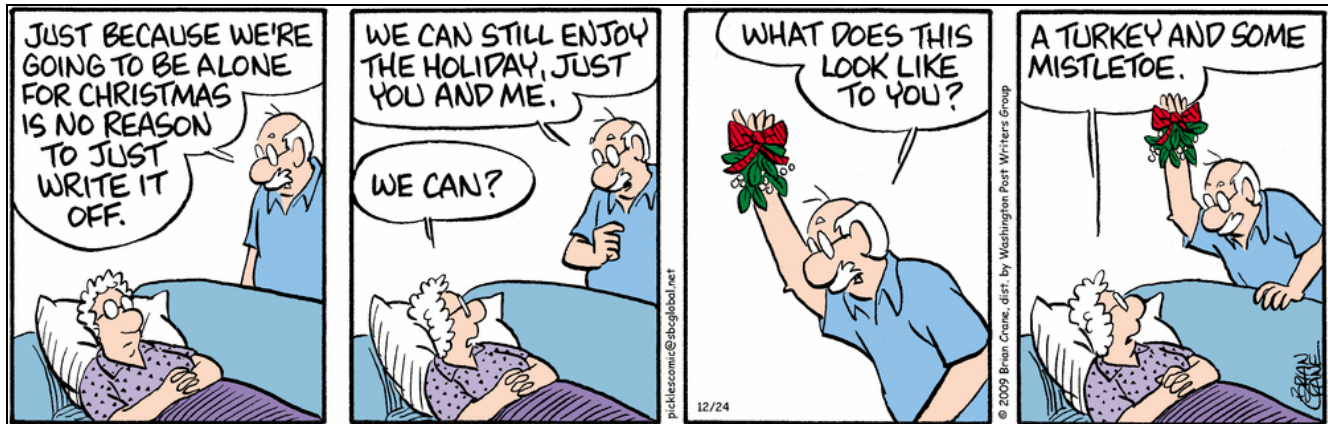
Where and when did the real St. Nicolas live?

When did Americans learn that Santa Claus is a jolly old man who rides in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer and slides down chimneys to deliver gifts.

Who played Kris Kringle in the original "Miracle on 34th Street?"

See answers
on page 8.

Christmas Cheer



Answers to Caryl's Questions

Indiana has a town named Santa Claus and Alaska has a town named North Pole.

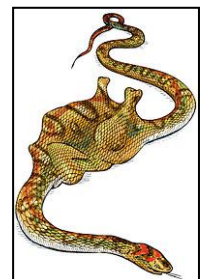
The real St. Nicholas lived in Turkey, where he served as bishop in the town of Myra, during the fourth century.



In 1823, Clement Clarke Moore wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas" (or A Visit from St. Nicholas). It was Moore's account that characterized Santa as a jolly old man who rides in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer and slides down chimneys to deliver gifts.

Edmund Gwenn played Kris Kringle in "Miracle on 34th Street." For this role, he won the 1947 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

Were You the Pussy Cat or Snake After Thanksgiving?



With Jokes Like These, You'll Be Glad When January Comes

One evening, in a busy lounge in the deep south, a reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty-dollar bill from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

The reindeer looked hard at the hoofful of change and said, "Hmmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the last reindeer you'll see in here."



T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care. They'd been worn all week and needed the air.



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| What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? | Claustrophobic. |
| Why does Santa have three gardens? | So he can ho-ho-ho. |
| Why was Santa's little helper depressed? | Because he had low elf esteem. |
| What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? | Frostbite. |
| What do snowmen eat for breakfast? | Snowflakes. |
| What do you call Santa when he stops moving? | Santa Pause. |
| Where does Santa keep his money? | In a snow bank. |
| Why do mummies like Christmas so much? | Because of all the wrapping. |

