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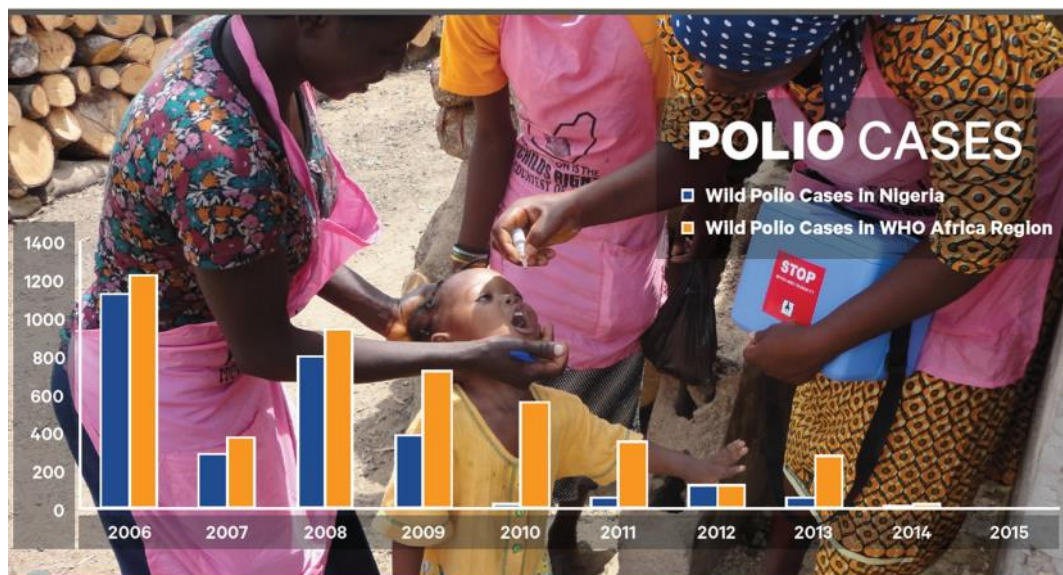
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### POLIO IN NIGERIA ONE YEAR WITHOUT A CASE TWO YEARS TO CERTIFICATION



This July 24th marks one year since Nigeria's last case of the wild poliovirus. That's the longest period the country has gone without a case of the disease. This achievement has particular significance, because Nigeria is one of only three countries in the world in which polio is still endemic. When the disease is eradicated in Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, the world will be free of polio.

A few weeks later, August 11th will mark one year since the last case of polio in Africa—a case in Somalia that came at the end of an outbreak in the Horn of Africa. Africa's countries have overcome significant challenges including lack of security and difficulty reaching children in remote places to protect them from polio.

Rotary has played an important role in reaching these milestones. Rotarians have dedicated their time and personal resources to keep children safe from this disease by immunizing them, donating money, raising funds and urging governments to support the cause. Rotary has donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million designated for Nigeria.

## CALL TO ORDER

**President Gene Long** began the meeting promptly at 12:15 p.m. PP **Bobby Meyer** served as our official greeter. Leading us in the pledge was PP **Maureen McBride** and PP **Lee Wiggins** provided the invocation. PP **Roland Wright** was the note taker.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Joining us today were **Gene Long, Sr.**, President Gene's dad, Rotarian **Carol Langley** from the newly chartered Passport Club and our speaker Rotarian **Bob Mutchler** from the Rotary Club of Historic Folsom.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Membership Month

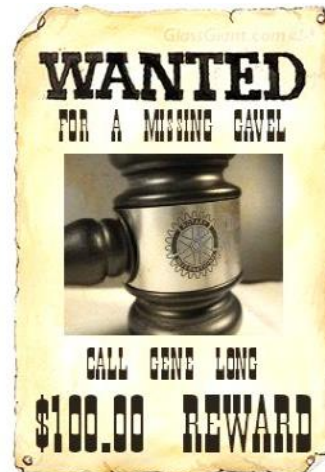
**President Gene** reminded those Rotarians present that August is Membership Month and he invited everyone to bring a guest to each meeting through the end of the month.

### August Board Meeting

The **August Board of Directors' meeting** will be held next **Tuesday, August 11st** at **5:30 p.m.** in the restaurant at the **Lions Gate Hotel**.

### Missing Gavel

**President Gene** announced that his gavel is still missing. He stated if the gavel was returned to him by the end of today's meeting, he would donate \$100 to the End Polio Now Campaign. Each week the gavel remains missing, the donation will be decreased by \$20.



Hey everyone, whoever has the gavel, please return it, anonymously—no questions asked—the End Polio Now Campaign can use the money.

### North Highlands Jubilee

**Jeff Donlevy** reminded the Rotarians the NH Jubilee will be **Saturday, October 10, 2015**. **Jeff** needs help with this event so please call him and volunteer your expertise.

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## Dues

In PP Dominic's absence, PP **Maureen McBride** reminded those present the **annual dues** were **due July 31st**. If you have not yet given **Dominic** your check, please do so by next week.

## School Backpacks

For the past few weeks, we have been collecting backpacks for students in our service area. PP **Maureen McBride** announced that next Monday will be the last day we will collect the backpacks.

So far, Past Presidents **Marilee Monagan**, **Bob Meyer**, **Joe Kaiser** and **Maureen McBride** have contributed to the cause.

Thanks!

## E-Waste4Good Program

You can bring anything, anytime to Umpqua Bank or PP **Dominic Mecklenburg** is happy to collect your "electronic junk" on Mondays at our regular meetings. If you would like to schedule a pickup at your home or office location, just let him know!

## Official District Governor's Visit

PP **Maureen McBride** reminded everyone the annual official District Governor's visit will be on **Monday, August 31st**. **Governor Glenn Fong** will meet with the Board at **10:00 A.M.** in the **Sherman Room** followed by our regular meeting at 12:15 P.M. in the Fireside Room a.k.a. The Lion's Den.

PP **Roland Wright** circulated a sign-up sheet to determine an accurate headcount for lunch. If you were not at today's meeting, please notify **Roland** of your plans to attend or not to attend this special meeting as soon as possible.

## Club Administration

PP **Maureen McBride** distributed the newly revised **Buddy List**, **Weekly Assignment Sheet** and **Roster** to those present at today's meeting.

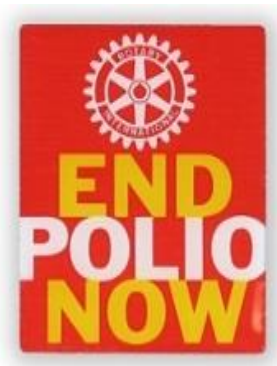
Copies will be available at the sign-in desk for the next few meetings.



**Of the things we think, say or do**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

## FOUNDATION NEWS



### END POLIO NOW

As we begin a new Rotary year, **Mo** reiterated the club's goals for the End Polio Now campaign. For the past two years, we have exceed our goal of \$500 and collected in excess of \$1,000. So, this

year's goal is \$1,000. We will continue to have our **END POLIO NOW** banks on the tables at our weekly meetings.

The **END POLIO NOW** campaign is one of Rotary International's top priorities this year. Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their partnership during the critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Thanks to this partnership our contributions are matched two for one—\$25 becomes \$75.

**BRING YOUR POCKET CHANGE TO ROTARY. WE NEED YOUR CHANGE FOR CHANGE.**

The yield this week from the banks is \$8.35. To date, we have collected \$125.81—only \$874.19 to meet our goal.

We can do it!!!!!!

### ANNUAL GIVING

**Mo** shared that our goal is to have **every Rotarian** contribute at least **\$100** to **The Rotary Foundation** and strive to achieve the status of 100% EREY and 100% Paul Harris Sustaining Fellows for the second year in a row. We will be recognized at the District Foundation Dinner in November for this achievement.

### DISTRICT 5180 FOUNDATION DINNER

**President Gene** would like to reserve a table of ten (10) at this year's **Foundation Dinner** on **Saturday, November 7th** at the **Doubletree Hotel on Arden Way**.

As soon as additional information is available, we will pass it along.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### ROTARY FOUNDATION BENEFACTORS

#### NAME

Donlevy, Jeff  
Hallsten, John  
Hansen, Richard  
Kaiser, Joe  
Lipp, Gordon  
Long, Gene  
Magnani, Patrick  
McBride, Maureen  
Mecklenburg, Dominic  
Meyer, Bob  
Monagan, Marilee  
Morgan, Cheryl (Sam)  
Spears, Robert B.  
Stone, David M.  
Wiggins, Lee N.  
Wright, Roland

**A Benefactor (has contributed \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund or made provisions in their will of at least \$1,000 benefiting The Rotary Foundation).**

## JOKES

PP **Bob Spears** told two jokes, followed by Past Presidents **Maureen McBride** and **Lee Wiggins**. **President Gene** took a poll and decided all three of the jokesters should get a fine-free pass.

Join in the fun and come to next week's meeting with a joke to share.

## FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Finemaster **Maureen McBride** began by spinning the wheel for inadvertently deleting the Weekly Assignment Summary from last week's bulletin. She spun for \$9..

**Mo** then asked if anyone had any happy thoughts. PP **Roland Wright** raised his hand and said he spent Saturday with DG Glenn Fong at the training seminar for all incoming Interact officers. His son, **Curtiss**, was at Sac State being trained and **Roland** is proud he'll be involved with Interact. **Roland** spun the wheel for \$8.

PP **Lee Wiggins** also had a happy thought. He just returned from a "guys only," week-long fishing trip to Alaska. He and his buddies brought back lots of fresh salmon. Yum! **Lee** spun the wheel for \$13.

PP **Bob Spears** bonged the gong for \$100 to The Rotary Foundation. **Bob** said he was feeling guilty! He showed up for a NH Jubilee planning meeting in Roseville and stayed for the subsequent board/planning meeting which lasted another three hours. He had dinner with the board. He wanted to pay but was treated to his meal.

We were glad to have his expertise/input at the planning meeting and very grateful for his \$100 contribution.

PP **Bob Meyer** will celebrate 46 years of Rotary service on August 16th. **Bob** bonged the gong for \$100 to The Rotary Foundation.

**Mo** called upon Community Service Director **Jeff Donlevy**. **Jeff** was asked if the metals tin and aluminum had any meaning to him. He gave her the properties of the metals but that was not the answer **Mo** was looking for.

**Mo** then asked **Jeff** if the colors silver and/or blue had any meaning to him. He said, "no." She asked him if he knew the significance of the daffodil. Again, he answered, "no."

**Mo** then took a different approach and asked **Jeff** what a romantic dinner, tickets to a movie, concert, sports event or a coupon book with redeemable vouchers for the usual things found on a "honey do" list meant to him. From the look on his face, it appeared he was catching on.

When pressed, **Jeff** admitted he will celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary next Thursday, August 13th. He rang the bell for \$100 to the Club.

Best wishes to **Jeff** and **Nicole** on their 10th wedding anniversary!

PP **Joe Kaiser** announced he does not have President Gene's gavel. **Joe** rang the bell for \$100 to the Club.

## BELL RINGERS, GONG BONGERS PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Jordan Backhaus		PHF
Sonja Cameron		PHF
Warren Coffeen		PHF+ 1
Jeff Donlevy	(B)	PHF
John Hallsten	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
Richard Hansen		PHF+ 6
Joe Kaiser	(B)	PHF+ 7
Gordon Lipp	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
Gene Long	(GRIF)	PHF
Patrick Magnani	(B)	PHF
Maureen McBride		PHF+ 8 +
Dominic Mecklenburg		PHF+ 7
Bob Meyer	(GRIF)	PHF+ 4
Marilee Monagan		PHF+ 2
Sam Morgan		PHF+ 4
Bob Spears	(GRIF)	PHF+ 2
David Stone		PHF+ 5
Lee Wiggins		PHF+ 4
Roland Wright	(B)(GRIF)	PHF+ 5
<b>Bell Ringer &amp; Gong Codes:</b>		
(B) = Bell Ringer hi\$100 to Club		
(GFHF) = Gonger \$100 to Club Foundation		
(GRIF) = Gonger \$100 to RI Foundation		
(RIF) = \$100 to Rotary Foundation		

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

#### CLUB CALENDAR:

- AUG. 10 CATHY WEI/TRADITIONAL CHINESE CULTURE  
AUG. 17 TBA  
AUG. 24 TBA  
AUG. 31 OFFICIAL DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT  
SEPT. 14 SACRAMENTO COUNTY DA ANNE MARIE SCHUBERT

#### DISTRICT 5180 CALENDAR:

- AUG. 6 SUPER STRS—EXCEL 2013  
AUG. 15 ROTARY ZONE MEMBERSHIP—OPEN TO CLUB AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP  
AUG. 24 6TH ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT 5180 GOVERNOR'S CUP  
SEPT. 19 FOUNDATION SEMINAR  
OCT. 23 WORLD POLIO DAY  
NOV. 7 DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER DOUBLE TREE HOTEL

MAY 19-22 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL/BERKELEY MARINA

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

GREETER: **MARILEE MONAGAN**  
PLEDGE: **DOMINIC MECKLENBURG**  
INVOCATION: **JORDAN BACKHAUS**  
NOTE TAKER: **RICHARD HANSEN**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

PP and Program Chair **David Stone** introduced our guest speaker, **Bob Mutchler**.

**Bob** or “Motorcycle Bob” as he is referred to in Rotary circles and in the media is a fourth generation Northern CA piano technician. He joined Rotary in 1970 and served as director of all four avenues of service as well as President of the Rotary Club of North Sacramento.

**Bob** is a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor. He was awarded the District 5180 Service Award in 1988, a Special District Recognition for his PolioPlus Motorcycle Rides in 1999, the Rotary International Meritorious Service Award in 1998-99 and the Rotary International Regional PolioPlus Service Award in 2002-03.

**Bob** contracted polio when he was nine months old and spent the first three years of his life in and out of hospitals. He is no stranger to the Iron Lung and knows first hand how one's life is altered by the effects of this devastating disease.

In 1984, Bob was diagnosed with Post-Polio Syndrome. Symptoms include slow progressive muscle weakness, fatigue, muscle atrophy and joint pain. He was told he had about two productive years left. **Bob** decided he was going out fighting and embarked on a 7,000-mile journey in seven days to be an advocate for polio awareness.

It wasn't until 1998 that **Bob** finally accepted the fact that he had polio. In spite of his

physical limitations, he was in denial.

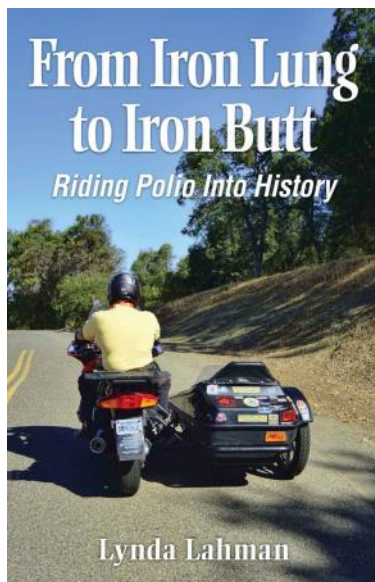
In 1985, at the request of the World Health Organization, Rotary International embarked on the Polio Plus Program and agreed to raise \$115 million to eradicate polio. Rotary exceeded the goal and raised \$240 million. Because of the success of the Program, Rotary wanted a say in how the money raised was spent and we now have two representatives at the U.N.

**Bob** organized a motorcycle ride for the D.A.R.E. Program — an acronym for Drug Abuse Resistance Education — which is an international substance abuse prevention program which provides kids with the information and skills they need to live drug-free lives. He planned a 48 State Capitols Ride and formed a committee of Rotarians to help with the logistics and changed the focus of the ride to Polio Awareness. He also organized a ride across Canada and raised \$1 million which was matched by the Canadians.

**Bob** has been riding his motorcycle with the sole goal of raising awareness of The Rotary Foundation and, more specifically, of PolioPlus since 1998. He has been featured on network television, talk radio, newspapers, and magazines as he expresses the message of PolioPlus and The Rotary Foundation. **Bob** continues to be a featured media attraction two or more times every month somewhere around the world.

**Bob** has been a featured speaker in Africa, England, Holland, Australia, Canada, and the United States. He has also been a keynote speaker at District Conferences and PETS in Africa, Canada, and the United States.

After many years of prodding, three years ago **Bob** agreed to write a book about his life as a Polio survivor. He co-wrote a book entitled, "From Iron Lung to Iron Butt" with author Lynda Lahman. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to PolioPlus. The book sells for \$20 with \$5 going to printing costs and \$15 going to PolioPlus. With the commitment of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the \$15 becomes \$45.



**Bob** reviewed the progress being made in the war on polio with only two countries being polio endemic—Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In 2000, **Bob** went to Ghana as part of the Polio Eradication Program with 18,000 volunteers who immunized eight million children. During this trip, **Bob** met a crawler who came over to him while he was putting two drops of the polio vaccine in the mouth of his sister and thanked **Bob** for saving his sister from the fate he has endured. The encounter changed **Bob's** life and he recommitted himself to continue riding his motorcycle to raise awareness of the

devastating effects of polio and how it is being combated.

Wow, what an inspiring story!

As is our usual custom, **President Gene** presented **Bob** with a gift in gratitude for his moving presentation.

Then, **President Gene** asked us to raise our glasses and join him in a toast to *Rotary Around the World*.

The meeting was then adjourned.



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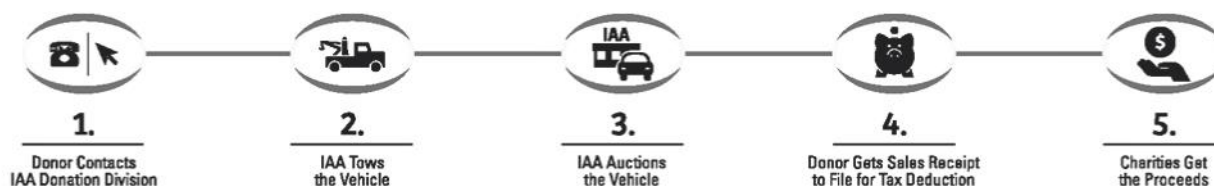
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