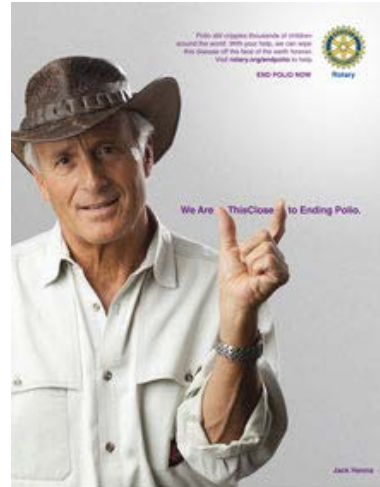


Rotary has the power to end polio, says Jack Hanna

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Jack Hanna, director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, USA, is best known as the star of the syndicated television series *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild*. But he has also been recognized for his work rehabilitating victims of the genocide in Rwanda. Hanna, a participant in Rotary's "This Close" polio awareness campaign, spoke to RI News about his family's experience with polio, and the importance of Rotary's efforts to eradicate the disease.



Jack Hanna is a participant in Rotary's "This Close" polio awareness campaign.

RI News: Your brother contracted polio when you were a child. What impact did that have on you?

Hanna: My brother and his friend both contracted polio at about the same time in the '50s. He was eight at the time, and I was only five; I didn't really understand the disease and its complications. Back then, people didn't really know what caused it.

We all had to be careful where we went. We had to be very cautious that nobody else would get it. It's a terrible disease, and a lot of people who contracted it back then didn't survive. The polio went to my brother's legs, and he was forced to wear braces. After therapy, he was able to work through it.

RI News: How would you describe the impact of campaigns like "This Close" and End Polio Now?

Hanna: You mention World Polio Day in the United States, and people don't always understand the importance. Polio is a deadly disease in certain countries, and many people don't realize that.



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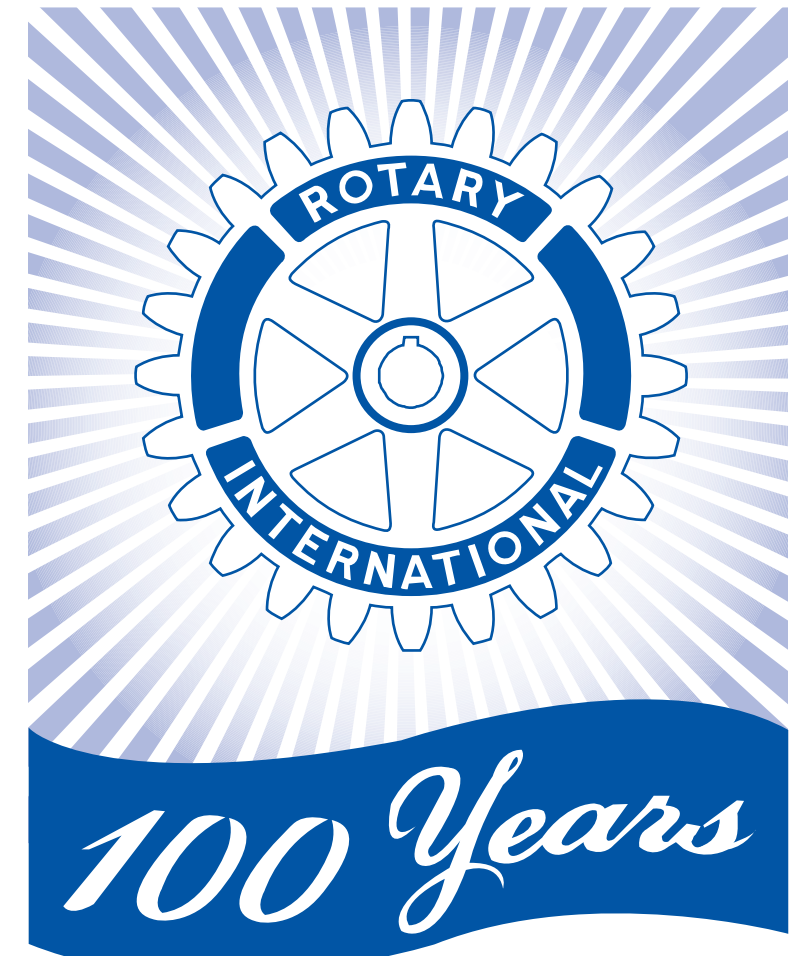
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MINUTES FROM 11/01/11

President Robert Cummings presided over the meeting.

Thanks to Dan Kibodeaux, who gave the Invocation, and to Wes Brooks, who led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert then led members in the Four Way Test. Thanks to today's greeter, Chris Price.

Sean Priebe introduced today's guests: Janet Mitchell (Hayden's wife) and Milton Wheeler, visiting Rotarian from the Petal Club. Sean then congratulated Robert & Audra Cummings on their 2nd Anniversary (Sunday) and the Club wished Hayden Mitchell a Happy Birthday!

Jerry Buti presented a "Rotary Minute", citing several interesting articles from Rotary International Magazine. Then Robert presented a list of important announcements:

Erik Graham has asked to step down as golf tournament chair person, but looks forward to working with his replacement. Hats off to Erik for a job well done these last three years! Patrick Ward, our Projects Chair, along with the rest of the board will conduct a replacement search.

Bill McLeod is working with the nominations committee to present a slate of directors and a Secretary/Treasurer. Joining him on this committee are Richard Topp, Mary Cromartie, and Mike Ratliff. A meeting was scheduled for Friday (11/4/11).

Christmas Party update: a portion of the proceeds will fund the DHS Christmas party for the kids of Forrest County, but we're not stopping there! Lucy is making big plans to benefit other kids as well. This party will be fun and it will be oriented toward Service!

Next week: Maura's membership report.

Close of meeting announcement on MNF board winner: **NOBODY WON TODAY SO THE JACKPOT WILL ROLLOVER TO NEXT WEEK!**

Night in Italy needs to be moved from April 24 to April 17 because Southern Oaks had a conflict. Robert will ask the board to approve this change, but assume this change in your planning.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Allen Smithers then introduced today's program, "Elements of Debate" presented by the students on the Presbyterian Christian School Forensic Team (and coached by Dorcas Hawkins and Jennifer Rayburn).

Just in the last two months, the students' performances have earned them entrance into the "100 Club" and qualified them in the Top 10% of the nation. The Public Forum Team has also reached the Top 16 teams in the country.

For today's program, the students performed a series of demonstrations to illustrate their abilities, including reciting an award acceptance speech from the ESPN "ESPY" Awards; a condensed version of a Public Forum Debate on the topic of Post-9/11 Security Measures vs. Impact on Personal Freedoms & Profiling; excerpts from the stage performance of Alice in Wonderland; and a demo speech based on the fear of beauty called "Lions, Tigers, & Beautiful Women."

Dr. Smithers, who serves as Headmaster at PCS, said the school is very proud of the Team and its sponsors for working so hard at honing their respective crafts. Mrs. Hawkins has also been honored as Teacher of the Year.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Meet our Presenter:

David Drake is a 1979 graduate of Mississippi State with a degree in Combined Science/Mathematics. His professional career started at East Holmes Academy in West, Mississippi where he coached, taught, and did administrative work for 27 years. He moved to the office of the Mississippi Independent School Association six years ago as the Associate Director of Athletics/Technology. He developed some of the first educational software used in the MAIS and has been on the cutting edge of technological development for a number of years. He does workshops for schools on the dangers with social media and the developing technology.

David has been married to Alisa Drake for 30 years and they have two grown children, Daniel and Brittany.

WEEKLY FOOTBALL BOARD GAME

Our football board game has had a couple of rule changes. If the winning square has not been purchased by a player the proceeds will carry over to the following week. Each week's winner will split the cash proceeds with the club which will benefit the Rotary Permanent Fund. The winner will not be announced until the end of the meeting, must be present to win. There was not a winner last week.

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READING BETWEEN THE LIONS LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers needed each week on **Tuesday or Friday** mornings at 9:30 to read children's books to Pre-Schoolers. Read for about 20-30 minutes.



The Family Y -
Veterans Memorial Blvd.
601-268-0808
Call Dan Kibodeaux or
sign up at lunch meetings
or email
dan@unitedwaysems.org
call 601-545-7141

November Reading Volunteers Needed!

Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
Tuesday, 11/1 9:30am		
Friday, 11/4 9:30am		Aaron Ladner
Tuesday, 11/8 9:30am	Mary Cromartie	
Friday, 11/11 9:30am		
Tuesday, 11/15 9:30am		
Friday, 11/18 9:30am	Jaclyn Adams	Jennifer Payne
Tuesday, 11/22 9:30am		
Friday, 11/25 9:30am	NO READING THIS DATE	NO READING THIS DATE
Tuesday, 11/29 9:30am		

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 8** Mr. David Drake, Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, Director of Technology "Challenges of Modern Technology"
- November 15** Dr. Lance Nail, Dean of the College of Business, USM "Update on Scianna Hall"
- November 22** Judge Bob Helfrich, Circuit Court Judge
- November 29** TBA



Save These Dates

Rotary Christmas Lunch - December 13th at Southern Oaks. Guests welcome!

Night In Italy - April 17th at Southern Oaks

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