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DG Chris's Message

Dear District Rotarians – even though this article is 3 months old, I found it compelling enough to include in this month's newsletter. It is written by John Hewko, Rotary's General Secretary. For those of you who do not understand job title's at Rotary International, John is basically the employed 'CEO' of Rotary. It's a great summation of our fight against Polio and where we stand today.

Six Key Numbers in the Fight to End Polio

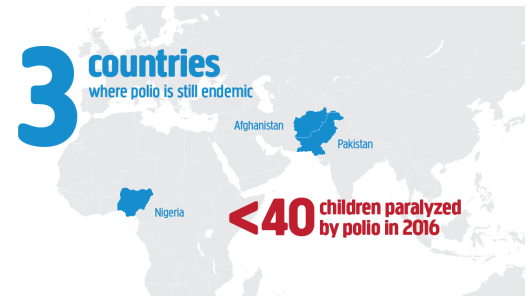
By John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary
Jan. 13, 2017

We are close to eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history. A global public-private partnership has reduced the poliovirus caseload by 99.9% over the last 30 years, but there's still plenty of work to do.

Even before we reach that milestone, the knowledge and infrastructure built to fight polio is being repurposed to take on other global challenges.

3 countries where polio is still endemic

Fewer than 40 children were paralyzed by polio in 2016, the lowest number in history. This is a dramatic decrease from the estimated 350,000 cases per year in 125 countries that the world saw in 1985 - the year that Rotary International initiated a worldwide effort to eradicate this terrible disease.



In 1988, Rotary was joined in the effort by WHO, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, UNICEF (and more recently the Gates Foundation) to create the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI).

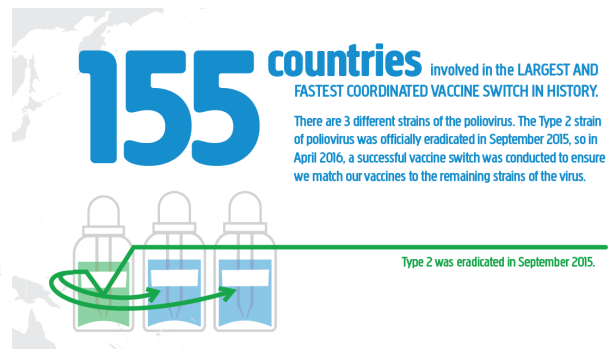
Today the virus is limited to a few areas in just three countries – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. In response, Nigeria intensified surveillance activities to pinpoint where the virus is circulating.

In Pakistan, innovative tactics are being used to focus polio immunization drives. Health workers are trained in the use of [cellphone data reporting](#), which allows real-time recording of immunization coverage and public health surveys of populations.

In Afghanistan, the program continues to adapt in order to reach the maximum number of children possible despite a volatile security situation.

155: the number of countries involved in largest coordinated vaccine switch in history.

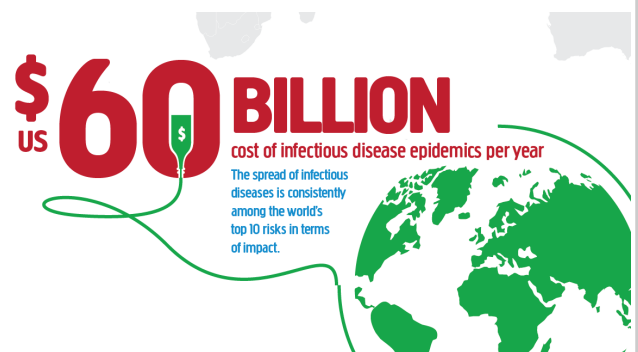
There are three different strains of the poliovirus. Once a strain is eliminated (type 2 was [officially eradicated](#) in September 2015), we have to match our vaccines to the remaining strains to protect children globally.



This transition is a massive undertaking, requiring significant funding and coordination to accomplish global health feats that have never been attempted. To give you a sense of scale, the largest and fastest globally coordinated vaccine switch in history (to target poliovirus types 1 and 3) was successfully conducted over two weeks in April 2016, with 155 countries taking part.

\$60 billion: the cost of infectious disease epidemics per year

The spread of infectious diseases is consistently among the world's [top 10 risks](#) in terms of impact. The eradication of polio will mean no child will ever be paralyzed by this debilitating disease again. However, we must use the knowledge and infrastructure built up over many years by the GPEI to take on other global health threats.



Dramatic progress on improving children's health beyond polio is already underway – resulting in a decreasing number of children dying from other preventable diseases in countries with strong polio infrastructure. Polio drops are now often delivered alongside essential services including nutrition support, primary health care and other vaccines.

By identifying the overlap between what the polio program has to offer and country-level priorities for strengthening health systems, we can make a lasting difference to global health overall, and significantly reduce the gap in the [impact of infectious diseases](#) between middle income and poorer countries.

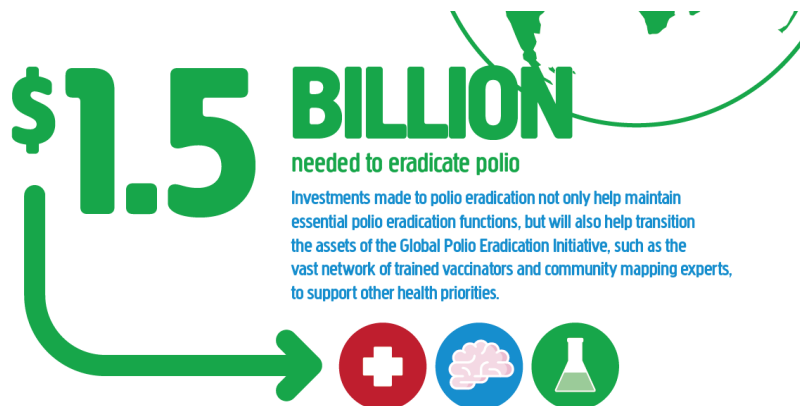
20 million: the number of volunteers participating

Since the GPEI was launched in 1988, Rotary and other volunteers have raised funds, built awareness, and advocated for their national governments to support polio eradication. A volunteer can administer the two drops of oral polio vaccine to a child, and participate in National Immunization Days, which attempt to vaccinate every child under five years of age in endemic or at-risk countries. Millions of health workers are also helping us reach children who have never before been vaccinated.



\$1.5 billion: the amount needed to eradicate polio

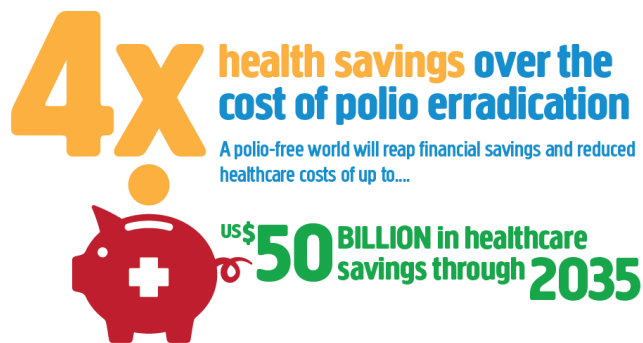
This may sound expensive, but, in the words of Dr. Jonas Salk, who invented the first effective polio vaccine, “which is more important, the human value of the dollar, or the dollar value of the human?” Funding has already contributed to many important successes of our program. In 2016, Rotary funded the work of 52,676



vaccinators and 2528 supervisors in Iraq to keep up strong immunization coverage. Investments made to polio eradication are also contributing to future health goals by documenting the knowledge, lessons learned and assets of the program.

Funds also make possible the program's extensive surveillance and laboratory network to tell us where polio does (and does not) exist – a painstaking task given only one in 200 cases of polio results in

paralysis. This network is already instrumental for taking on public health challenges beyond polio, such as [Ebola](#). While we undoubtedly still have work to do and funds to raise, we are confident in the good work of our volunteers and members to get us to our goal of eradication. Read and be inspired by their stories and successes [here](#) – a world free from polio is certainly within our reach.



4: the factor by which health savings exceed the cost of polio eradication

Immunization as a public health investment is incredibly good value. Every dollar spent on vaccinations in the US saves \$3 in direct healthcare costs and \$10 societally. A polio-free world will reap financial savings and reduce healthcare costs by up to \$50 billion through 2035. In fact, we've already saved \$27 billion since the GPEI was launched, and low-income countries account for 85% of the savings, not to mention the immeasurable alleviation of human suffering.

Conversely, if we allow polio to spread again, it would cost upwards of [\\$35 billion](#) more in treatment expenses and economic losses, so it's a no-brainer that we have to commit all our resources to finish the job once and for all.

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May 5 & 6, 2017
District Conference
Overland Park Sheraton
[Register here!](#)

District News & Events



Last Chance to Register for District Conference

LAST CHANCE!!!

**Registration for District Conference will close at
Noon on Tuesday, May 2nd.**

Join the 160 other Rotarians and guests who have already signed up for this fantastic conference with fun, fellowship, education and celebration!

If you can't make it for the entire conference, there are options for Friday Only and Saturday Only.

Also, if you are only able to attend the reception and banquet Saturday night including a performance by Musivo Live!, that is also available.

Join us for the "Rise Against Hunger" project at 10:45am Friday, or just for lunch at 12:30pm with the Friday – Lunch Only option.

[Click here](#) to register now.

Current agenda is available at <http://bit.ly/5710Agenda>

See you next week!

Peace Fellowship Deadline

Each year, **Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships in Peace and Conflict resolution studies at one of our peace centers.** These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses. Eligible candidates may not be a Rotarian or related to a Rotarian. The application will be available online at www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships.



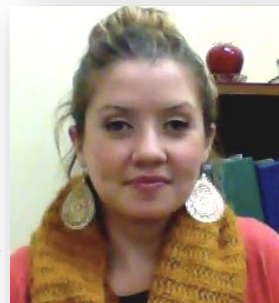
- **Applications are due to the District by June 1, 2017.**
- Contact Patti Mellard, District Chair, for help with the application. 785-640-9999 or patti@keystaffing.com.

www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships

District 5710 Global Grant Scholar Jessica Northram

Summary of Scholarship Year in Barranquilla Colombia January 2016 – February 2017

In 2016, Jessica Northram was selected as District 5710's Rotary Global Grant Scholar. During her year as a Global Grant Scholar, Jessica studied at La Universidad Del Norte in the Department of Psychology in Barranquilla Colombia and worked with small groups of female IDPs with post traumatic stress disorder conducting drama therapy groups—a creative arts therapy that uses theatrical processes for therapeutic purposes. The group worked through current challenges, the trauma of displacement, and expressing their hopes and needs for the future. Colombia is home to the world's second largest population of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), with estimates currently over 7 million. (Second only to Syria). Women and children account for at least 75% of the population of Internally Displaced Persons.



Results of the drama therapy intervention demonstrated a profound impact on not just the lives of the participants, but also the lives of their children and the communities. The project initially slated for six weeks, evolved into a yearlong session because the women didn't want to stop. From the initial group of fifteen women led by Jessica, the project now consists of community driven peer-led drama support groups, led by nine leaders, inviting their female neighbors and friends from Las Gardenias to join. Las Gardenias is one of the many social housing complexes built by the Colombian government to house displaced persons in urban settings. These complexes house thousands of people in small areas, on the outskirts of major cities, and are often labeled as unsafe and troublesome by Colombian law enforcement.

Jessica returned to the states in February 2017, however her experience did not end once her scholarship year was over. On April 25, at the request of the women, Rotary and Rotaractors, she is returning to Barranquilla to focus on Comunidades Fuertes (Strong Communities). Rotarians and Rotaractors helped Jessica with a website, space, connections, employment opportunities, support and more so that she can continue her work in Barranquilla. With the help of the Rotary Barranquilla Colombia Club, Jessica is preparing a Rotary Global Humanitarian Project Grant to expand services and peer-led drama support groups throughout social housing complexes in Colombia, including men's and adolescent groups. Over the next three years Comunidades Fuertes will be working to train community leaders in Barranquilla and eventually nationally so that this community-driven mental and public health intervention can be available to IDPs. Included in the proposal is the development of a train the trainer manual and DVD to be used globally with victims of forced migration.

Jessica never imagined the outcomes from her scholarship year. Initially she worried about the sustainability of the project, however once the drama therapy groups became peer-led, there was no stopping the momentum. Jessica is grateful for the opportunity afforded by Rotary and the investment made through the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship. She was able to test her theories on the impact of drama therapy to bring a community together towards peace and conflict resolution. The host club, Rotary Barranquilla Colombia, with the international sponsors, the Manhattan Rotary Club and District 5710, encourage individuals to learn more about Jessica's time in Colombia, Comunidades Fuertes, and how to become involved in this unique work. While in Colombia, Jessica met a filmmaker who is developing a documentary on her work to be released in September. A 2-minute trailer is available below in the Vimeo link.

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/210621631>

Kickstarter: https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/124341399/las-gardenias?ref=project_share

Fundly: fundly.com/comunidades-fuertes

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This Rotary year is slowly winding down. If you are a current club president you are likely ready to be done. But don't give up quite yet. As a district we are just a few members short of breaking even with membership for the year. This is significant considering last year we lost 100 members as a district and since 2006 there have only been one or two years we've grown or broken even. So today I'm asking you this - who can you invite to an upcoming meeting and ideally to join Rotary by the end of June? Think about those new business leaders in town. Or past members. Or retirees. They all have potential.



The other thing I'd like you to do - check the membership leads that have been forwarded from Rotary International this past year. According to the database, many of them have not been contacted (and if they have, their status was never changed in the system). These are folks that have reached out to us about joining - it doesn't get much easier than that!!

If you have any questions, need help with this, or just want to get more involved helping us grow our Rotary clubs in District 5710, shoot me a note at jason@gardneredgerton.org.

Check out these membership resources from Rotary.org!

Learn about [Club Flexibility](#) and how to keep your club relevant.

Subscribe to the [Membership Minute](#) newsletter.

Swap [Membership Best Practices](#).

New Members for April 2017

Bonner Springs	Jody Adams
Council Grove	Cody Catlin, Dusty Manson, Chris Thomas
Emporia	Michael Hudson, Clark Rusco
Gardner	Kim Mann
Kansas City, KS	Tim Ryan
Lawrence Central	Robert Ramsdell
Manhattan Konza	Richard Sell
Olathe Noon Rotary	Ann French, Gregg Herbert, Kory Strand
Paola	Carl Gasper, Alex Weidman
Topeka Downtown	Rodger Fry



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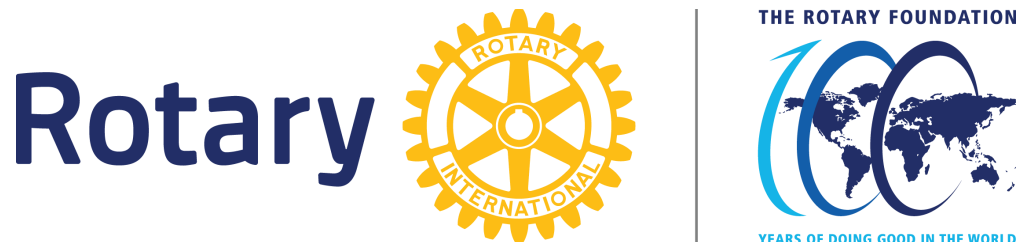
The Rotary year is coming to a close and there are still six clubs in the District that have not given anything to the Foundation. Come on, this is Rotary!

Baldwin, Garnett, Holton, Marysville, Oskaloosa, Ottawa, Paola, and Topeka North.

We know that some clubs wait until the end of the year to send in their donations, however, let's not get caught in the year end rush and someone is out of town or on vacation and can't sign the checks.

Last year the District average a per capita giving of \$120.96, so far this year we are at \$82.24. Lets wrap up this 100th Anniversary Year with a big push. Everyone can give something, no matter how big or small, it will all benefit the Rotary Foundation's work around the world and in our District.

Club Presidents and Foundation Chairs, let's all make the effort to get each member to give something. Even if it's their "Happy Bucks" or "fines" or whatever your club's weekly charity donation is called. It has been awhile since every club gave something to the Foundation. Let this year be the last time that happens.



Rotary (and Service Clubs) Across the Country

District 5710's DGE Adam Ehler caught up with his Rotarian cousin, Dr. Dionna Prow of Sedona, AZ at their grandfather's funeral in late April.

Melvin Ehler was proud to be an active member in the Sauk Centre (MN) Lions Club for 60 of his 93 years! He was equally proud of his grandchildren embracing the importance of service clubs in their communities.



If you are reading this... thank you for reading the newsletter!!

Let's do a little trivia question...

Who was the FIRST president of Rotary?

Email [Mandy](#) your answer, and a winner will be drawn at random!

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CLUB EVENTS

Olathe Rotary

May 6, 2017

Days of Wine & Rotary

6:00 PM

Ball Conference Center

21350 W 153rd St.

Olathe, KS

Tickets—\$50

Email [Jason](#) for tickets.

Shawnee Mission Rotary

Pancake Breakfast

as part of Old Shawnee Days

June 3 and June 4

7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tickets \$5, Children \$2.50

Herman Laird Park,

11600 Johnson Drive

Shawnee, KS 66203

Club News & Events



Emporia Set to Celebrate 100 Years of Service



**You are cordially invited to celebrate
the 100th Anniversary
Rotary Club of Emporia, Kansas**

The Rotary Club of Emporia, Kansas, will hold its
Centennial Celebration Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Emporia State University Memorial Ballroom

1 Kellogg Circle, Emporia, KS 66801

Cocktail Reception to start 5:30 pm

Dinner and program to follow 6:30 pm

The Honorable Rotary International President,

John Germ, will speak.

Cost to attend is \$75.00 per person,
seating is limited

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For more information and tickets, please email [Teresa Maley](#).

Jo Co Rotary's Guns & Horses Event

The Western Johnson County Rotary is once again hosting their Annual Guns & Horses Event! This year it is available for District Conference attendees at a reduced price. So get yer' guns, big hats and ammo and be prepared for some tough competition!

Proceeds from this event will go to support Emily Dumler in her quest for LLS Woman of the Year (check her out on Facebook [here!](#)) And we will once again be raising funds for **Charlie's House** <http://charlieshouse.org/>

Come out and show your support for these great causes. A fun time is guaranteed!

You can register at <http://westjocorotary.org/Page/guns-horses-at-powder-creek>



Manhattan Golf Tournament



Manhattan Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament & Social Monday, June 26, 2017



*\$50 will be sent to the Rotary Foundation for each Rotarian golfer
An additional \$50 will be sent to the charity of each golfer's choice*

WHO:	Anyone who enjoys golf, fellowship and desire to eradicate polio		
WHAT:	Fundraiser/Social for Rotary International		
WHEN:	Monday, June 26, 2017 – Registration Noon, Shotgun at 1:00 PM		
WHERE:	Colbert Hills Golf Club, 5200 Colbert Hills Dr, Manhattan, KS 66503		
WHY:	To raise funds for the eradication of polio and support local charities		
FORMAT:	4 Person Scramble – Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM		
COST:	\$125 (includes box lunch, green fees, cart, range, prizes)		
SPONSORS:	Hole sponsors will be recognized with company name on identified hole		
PAYABLE TO:	Manhattan Rotary		
MAIL TO:	3508 Vanesta Drive, Manhattan, KS 66503		
QUESTIONS:	Vern Henricks	vernh@mcfks.org	785-564-2121
	Greg Denver	gdenver@securedpayrollpartners.com	785-341-7859
	Steve Lambert	stevelambert@colberthills.cm	785-776-6475

[Click here for Registration Form.](#)

Gardner Rotary Active in Community & Schools

The Gardner Rotary Club held its annual Grocery Grab Fundraiser on April 8th. Grocery Grab is our largest fundraiser for the club and this year was a success raising more money than last year! We had 11 prizes winners including our grand prize winner—who grabbed over \$1,100 in groceries!

On April 12th Club President Michael Blanchard and Treasurer, Bobbi Johansen presented the Parents as Teachers Gardner with a check to assist with early childhood development and education books for families in the Gardner.

On April 21st the club completed one of its District Grant projects by partnering with New Horizon Ranch in a fun program - we bring Miniature Horses to Edgerton Elementary so the kids can learn about horses and get hands-on education. This year, with our grant funds, we were able to have this fun, interactive program with not only the third grade students, but also Kindergartners!



Overbrook Rotary Spring Clean Up

Overbrook's large project in April was completing its Annual Spring Limb Pick-up. Assisting the club were members of North Osage 4-H club. Nine large truck and trailer loads were hauled off. Wow!



Bonner Springs Awards Scholarships

This year the Bonner Springs Rotary Club added an additional \$1,000 student scholarship to those awarded each year, for a total of four \$1,000 scholarships, each in the name of a past member of the club.

This year's winners were Caleb Brungardt (Del Coleman Memorial Scholarship, the newest award), Rachel Mauk (Robert Clark Memorial Scholarship), Marissa Satterfield (Richard Burns Memorial Scholarship), and Megan Willmon (Del Hininger Memorial Scholarship, with an emphasis on community service).

The club also recognizes juniors of outstanding achievement in eight academic disciplines. The students were recognized at a special Rotary dinner on April 13 and again at a scholarship awards night at the high school the following week.



Leawood Rotarian Hits the Dance Floor to Benefit KC's Cristo Rey High

Jake Schloegel knows when to follow and he knows when to lead. Schloegel, the founder of an award-winning remodeling company, is an active and well-respected member of the Leawood Rotary Club who recently (dance) stepped way outside of his comfort zone in an effort to help raise funds for Kansas City's Cristo Rey High School.

Schloegel, along with seven other well-known Kansas City business leaders, paired up with professional dancers for the April "Dancing with the Stars" type contest. After months of training and dancing, Jake and his partner dazzled the crowds and came in second place.



As a graduate of Kansas City's Rockhurst High School and Rockhurst University, Jake learned from the Jesuits about the importance of serving others. He has been a leader while serving as president of Leawood Rotary Club, as president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, and as board chair of the Urban Rangers. Working with youth, especially those from challenging backgrounds, is a life-long passion for Schloegel.

Of course several of Jake's Rotary friends and their spouses supported Jake in his efforts to raise money for Cristo Rey by attending the dinner and contest. One Rotarian mentioned that the event was one of the most entertaining fundraising events she has ever attended.

To learn more about Cristo Rey's annual fundraising event, visit DancingWithTheKansasCityStars.org.

Shawnee Mission Rotary Grocery Grab a Win-Win-Win

The Shawnee Mission Rotary Club held a Grocery Grab fundraiser at Mission HyVee Saturday, April 8. The club members sold tickets for the chance to win HyVee gift cards, and a grand prize of a five minutes shopping spree in the store.

Proceeds from ticket sales will support the "One Stop Shop" at Shawnee Mission North High School. The Shop is a place where students can pick up a mid-day snack, school supplies, or clothing for a job interview in an encouraging environment staffed by the school's student success liaison. The Rotary club has been donating supplies every two weeks.

Several of the six tickets drawn were purchased by Rotary club members, but in the name of a local service organization. This meant that the fundraiser was a winning effort many times over, raising funds to support the club's project, as well as the grand prize winner, and the runners-up. Mr. Rain West ran through the store on behalf of the grand prize winner, Emmanuel Baptist Church, and the frozen pizzas, meat, baby formula, diapers, peanut butter and coffee he threw in his cart as fast as he could will go to support families within the church congregation. You can watch a video of the Grocery Grab on the club's [Facebook Page](#).



Happy May Day

Does anyone remember giving May Day baskets? We've mostly lost this beautiful tradition—but here is a little history and a May Day Basket for all of you Rotarians!

The Puritans frowned on May Day, so the day has never been celebrated with as much enthusiasm in the United States as in Great Britain. But the tradition of celebrating May Day by dancing and singing around a maypole, tied with colorful streamers or ribbons, survived as a part of the English tradition. The kids celebrating the day by moving back and forth around the pole with the streamers, choosing of May queen, and hanging of May baskets on the doorknobs of folks -- are all the leftovers of the old European traditions.

