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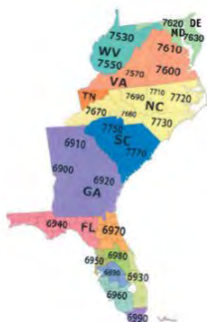


Caribbean Wave

2013-14

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DISTRICTS 33 & 34 CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP



Send your stories to the newsletter for publication. Don't let us have to discover them accidentally!

With such excellent projects and so much hard work, you all deserve so much thanks and recognition!



Robert L. Hall
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Zones 33 -34

Rotary Club of Dunwoody
Dunwoody, Georgia
District 6900

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CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP

Caribbean Partnership

The Caribbean Partnership provides opportunities for Rotarians in the United States and throughout the countries of the Caribbean and North Atlantic to

- *become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences and*
- *to develop relationships, share knowledge, ideas, and interests that would result in partnered clubs.*

December 2014 message from the Chair of the Caribbean Partnership

Dear CP Members, Fellow Rotarians, Family of Rotary and friends,

As we celebrate this year's holiday season, we may wish to reflect on the fact that December – Family of Rotary month on the Rotary calendar - gives us a good reason to reflect on our achievements in 2014 soon to be the old year and the hope that the New Year promises.

The Caribbean Partnership took a giant stride forward when, during the 2014 Zone Institute in Ashville, North Carolina, the board of Directors comprising the DGEs of Zone 33 & 34, voted to transition to a structure which better facilitates the move towards an Inter-Country Committee (ICC).

The new structure includes the following members as the initial board of Directors:



*PDG Vance Lewis,
CP Chair 2014-15*

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTER-COUNTRY COMMITTEE (ICC)

Vance Lewis (Chair)	Sylvia Maisonet (Secretary)
Gene Windham (Vice-Chair)	Arthur Hodge (Director)
Phil Lustig (Treasurer)	David Edwards (Director)
Tim Schuler (Counsel/Director)	Steve Cook (Director)
Barry Rassin (Director)	

The ICC offers more autonomy as well as more flexibility in terms of operations and governance among a host of other advantages, but allows us to continue to do the things we set out to do in our original mandate of Caribbean Partnership.

The year 2015 promises to be a year when we continue the transition to an ICC and look forward to increasing our circle of family and friends.

I wish to express my sincerest appreciation to all our previous officers and in particular our immediate past board of Directors and to welcome the new officers aboard the Caribbean Partnership.

We have also agreed that our 2015 Caribbean Partnership Celebration will be held in Haiti during early August 2015 and will incorporate a local hands-on project.

Your support for the above two events is essential to ensure success and we look forward to your early registration and participation.

We also ask you to visit our website at www.caribbeanpartnership.org early in 2015, for the results of the survey which was completed in September 2014.

Meanwhile, please let me take this opportunity to wish everyone Seasons Greetings and a bright, prosperous, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Yours in Rotary Service,

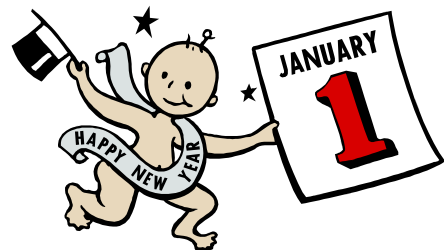
Vance Lewis
Chairman, *Caribbean Partnership Program*
Zones 33-34 - *Rotary International*



2015
*Caribbean Partnership Celebration
Planned for Haiti
early August 2015*



Merry
Christmas



OUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS



Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, French West Indies, French Guiana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Netherland Antilles, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, US Virgin Islands, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname

USA: Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia

...and others...



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WHY CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP?

Our Purpose

1. Cultural Exchange
2. Developing Rotary Relationships, Fellowship, and Friendships
3. Increasing communications between countries
4. Sharing Rotary ideas and interests and assisting in strengthening Rotary in partnered clubs and districts
5. Developing joint projects as a natural evolution from each of the above
6. Assisting individuals with the basic necessities of life in the event of a disaster

Our program falls under *The Family of Rotary* and includes our *Partners in Service (Interact, Rotaract)*

Finding a Partner:

Rotary Clubs from the **Caribbean** and USA **Mainland** that would like to establish a Partner Club relationship are asked to fill out a Partner Club Agreement Form USA Mainland or Caribbean Forms.

To prevent spamming, you will need to be a certified user of this website to gain access to the available forms. Please create an account in the sidebar to the right and when we receive your request for account creation we will allow access to our forms.

Forms available on the *Caribbean Partnership website include:*

Caribbean Club Agreement Form
U.S. Club Agreement Form



RECOGNIZE OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

from - <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/awards>
Family and Community Service Award

This award recognizes individuals or organizations that are helping families in your community,
as well as Rotarian family members who make positive contributions to a Rotary club.

Who can nominate: Club presidents

Deadline: None

Click this link to Order [certificates](#) (available in sets of 10)

I am
A tree, a
Christmas tree.
How merry do
I feel, to think of what
I used to be! It makes
Me fairly peal with laughter to
Reflect that I have grown,
Since I have come from Nature's
Haunts beneath the sky, to bear
Up Johnny's drum; to carry candy on
My back, and pop-corn balls galore,
And many another fine knick-knack from
Santa Claus's store. With candles I
Am lighted up, with presents loaded down;
And so to me fill up the cup, and toast
Me through the town. This is my day of all
The days. I tremble with delight, and every
Branch within me sways, for I am doing right.
'Tis true my load is heavier than when, a
Gay young twig, I fluttered with my brother fir,
And thought myself quite big. But no one
Knows what happiness, my sisters and my
Brothers, can be obtained unsought, unless
You've done some good to others. And
So, although a heavy load I'm bearing
Up to-day, I feel so good that I'll
Be bowed. I'd like to float away to
Some land where there is no
Past, and where the
Children
Never will
Leave me.
Then let
Christmas
last for
ever and
for ever!

<http://oldfashionedholidays.wordpress.com/2010/12/05/christmas-tree-poem-1895-i-am-a-tree-a-christmas-tree-old-fashioned-holidays/>

RLI CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP SEMINAR AND CRUISE



Rotary Leadership Institute - Sunshine Division
 Caribbean Partnership
 Seminar & Cruise
 Dec 10 - 14, 2015



Come join us for 4 days on the beautiful Royal Caribbean Independence of the Seas as we sail to Cozumel. On the way there and on the way back, participate in the RLI training program Parts 1, 2 and/or 3. Or participate in the Zone 33-34 Caribbean Partnership Initiative Meeting. Or just relax and enjoy the comradery of Rotary friendship. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and networking. You will meet Rotarians from all over the zones. By completing your RLI courses, you will be more educated about Rotary and be able take on more of a leadership role in your club and district. Included with the cruise will be organized social events and dinner seating.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. **RLI will require a separate registration at www.rlitraining.org.** For more information you can contact Randy Rawiszer at 407-474-1755.

The costs listed below include the cruise fare, taxes, fees, port charges and gratuities. In addition, they include full use of the conference facilities on the ship. If you need a pre-cruise hotel night in Fort Lauderdale, a block of hotel rooms are available on a first come first serve basis. They will include airport shuttles, cruiseport shuttles, parking for the cruise duration and breakfast. Prices will vary by hotel. Book early for best cabin selection. Call PSL Travel for more information.

Cabin Type	Cost Per Person *	Insurance
Junior Suite	\$736.66	\$59.00
Balcony	\$536.66	\$29.00
Ocean View	\$436.66	\$29.00
Promenade View	\$406.66	\$29.00
Inside	\$386.66	\$29.00

4 Night Western Caribbean Cruise

Ship Name: Independence of the Seas
Destination: Caribbean
Departure Port: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Ports of Call: Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Day at Sea, Cozumel, Mexico, Day at Sea, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Sail Date: Dec 10, 2015

*Prices are based on Double Occupancy and includes cruise, taxes, fees, port charges and gratuities. Deposit is \$200 per cabin with final payment due 9/1/2015. Pricing is based on availability and subject to change until deposited. Cancellations after 4/15 will incur a \$50 fee. Cancellations after 6/13 will incur a \$100 fee. Cancellations after 8/13 will incur a \$200 fee. No refunds after final payment date. Price does not include RLI Training Fees. Register for classes at rlitraining.org.

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3 Endemic Countries Left

2.5 BILLION

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POLIO UPDATE

THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

The fight to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which includes Rotary International, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and governments of the world, with the support of many others around the globe.

Can We, Should We Really End Polio?

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/devinthorpe/2014/11/14/can-we-should-we-really-end-polio/>



www.endpolio.org



November 14, 2014

Devin Thorpe, Rotary Club of Salt Lake City



For the past week, I have been a guest of Rotary International here in Ethiopia to participate in and observe an expedition of U.S. and Canadian Rotarians and friends of Rotary (I am a member of the Salt Lake City Club) to support the National Immunization Day for polio. The lessons from this effort for social entrepreneurs and other change agents are important.

The opinions and conclusions of this article are, of course, entirely my own.

The group of 35 North Americans who came to Ethiopia have been received almost as heroes. President Mulatu Teshome, elected Ethiopia's president in 2013, took time to meet with a subset of the group that included me; our visit with the President and our efforts to eradicate polio were the subject of a four-page story in the local paper. While we as a group immunized only a few hundred children, we brought attention to and helped to reinvigorate the effort to vaccinate every child in Ethiopia last week.



Rotary team meets with Ethiopian President Mulatu Teshome

Ethiopia was declared polio free in 2001, but recent outbreaks in Somalia have led to 10 cases of polio in Ethiopia over the last 24 months, the last of which was in January of 2014. The country is still on high alert, hoping to quickly eliminate the virus not only from the country, but from the continent and then the world.

According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative or GPEI, there have not been any documented cases of wild polio virus in Africa in the last 90 days on the entire continent. That said, James McQueen Patterson, with UNICEF, told us during our visit that real or potential gaps in surveillance mean that no one should start celebrating until at least six month after the last reported case.

Even as Africa seems to finally be getting a tight grip on polio, things are going badly in Pakistan, with 235 cases so far this year, more than any year since 1998. Many of the Pakistan-originating cases end up in Afghanistan, so it too is reporting cases.

Ever since the U.S. identified and killed Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan, the Taliban there has forbidden children in regions it controls to be immunized and a reported 60 health workers and their security have been murdered in the effort to immunize children there.

Rotary's Polio Plus Chair in Pakistan, Aziz Memon, explains, "The Taliban in Pakistan oppose polio vaccination after the CIA's undercover agent Dr. Shakeel Afridi was responsible for locating Bin Laden's hideout using a fake campaign. It jeopardized the work of many International NGOs and humanitarian workers. The ban imposed on North and South Waziristan in June 2012 by the tribal leader Hafiz Gul Bahadur caused some 350,000 children to be deprived of vaccination for a period of almost 2 years. However, there are other tribal leaders in the Pushtun belt where polio vaccine is riddled with misconceptions and myths some of them range from reason for refusals as stated: cause of infertility, not halal (kosher), contains pig fat, against religion, [and] vaccines cause harm."

Can We?

This begs the question, can we ever expect to get polio eradicated from the planet? Won't there always be someplace on the globe where we simply can't make people accept the vaccine?

Let's take a look at that these questions together.

There is no question that eradicating polio will be difficult, so it is fair to ask whether or not the dread disease can actually be eliminated.



The premise for eradicating polio is actually rather simple. The virus lives only in humans and in no other species. You can't get polio from a pig, a monkey or any other critter. While it can and does live outside of a host for some time, no animals except humans are at risk of getting polio. So eradicating polio is theoretically not that difficult. If every child is immunized no one can get the disease and the virus will be extinct.

That's why Rotary tackled the problem in the first place; it looked distinctly possible even then. Looking back, Rotary was perhaps naïve, thinking in 1988 that polio could be eradicated by 2005, the organization's 100th anniversary. Naïve maybe. Optimistic, no doubt. But that naiveté combined with help from the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control](#), WHO, UNICEF and more recently the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and participating governments around the world, have brought us to the brink of the disease's extinction.

The virus, which causes paralysis in children, once caused about 400,000 cases per year. In 2013, there were only 416 cases of wild polio on the planet, meaning that we have reduced the number of cases by 99.9 percent.

The last cases will be the hardest to eliminate for political reasons more than biological. Ebola is stealing lots of attention—for good reason—from the polio fight, but that puts the polio work in West Africa at risk if just one outbreak occurs there in the coming months.

We've already talked about Pakistan where the number of cases of polio are actually increasing rather than decreasing.

Even give those concerns, being here on the ground in Ethiopia and having participated in and observed the effort on the ground in India in February, it begins to make sense.

In the developed world, there isn't much of a dedicated polio infrastructure. Virtually all children are immunized routinely shortly after they are born and there haven't been cases of polio in most of the developed world for decades. It is hard to imagine or even understand the scale of the global polio infrastructure.

In the developing world, there are places where the only contact poor villagers have with the outside world is a polio health worker or volunteer coming in to immunize a child. There are on the order of 20 million volunteers working on polio eradication around the globe. The [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) partners mentioned in this article have spent billions of dollars and anticipate spending another \$5.5 billion in what they call the "end game strategy."

Here on the ground, I can tell you first hand that they aren't merely throwing money and volunteers at the problem in a brute force effort, rather they are working with increasing sophistication to reach every last child and to monitor every case.



Using genetic testing, every case of polio can be traced to a strain to know exactly where it came from, allowing everyone to trace people and provide immunizations around people and communities at risk. By combining focused immunization campaigns in at risk communities with nationwide efforts to immunize every child in a country multiple times per year, the disease can be defeated.

Left - Aziz Memom, Polio Plus Chair, Pakistan

In Pakistan, where much of the polio world's attention is now focusing, every possible tactic is being used. Permanent immunization clinics along with national immunization days and new applications of technology that allow health workers with simple cell phones to text data to central repositories to accelerate surveillance responses to neighborhoods and villages with outbreaks.

Furthermore, in the North Waziristan region of Pakistan controlled by the Taliban, people have been allowed to leave the region. Hundreds of thousands of people have done so. Their children are being immunized at check points there as they leave the region, so thousands of previously unvaccinated children are now being vaccinated.

Memon explains further, "Our social mobilizers at the Resource Centres, the UNICEF mobilizers and the Provincial Government are constantly holding community meetings, workshops, seminars, Ulema conventions,



encouraging renowned scholars and religious leaders to hold International Conferences and issue 'Fatwas' (decrees) on the safety of polio vaccine. These leaders from around the world gather at International forums to spread the word to mobilize other religious clerics to pass these Fatwas to Ulemas at grass roots through mosques and madrassa's. The incidence of refusals have reduced considerably, but a constant reminder is necessary for recall."

Additionally, just this week, the AP reported that the government of Pakistan is stepping up its efforts. One new initiative is a law that makes it illegal for a religious or community leader to prohibit members of their communities from receiving vaccinations.

Having witnessed the challenges and the success in both India and Ethiopia, I conclude that we certainly can eradicate polio. While there may be a few dozen recent cases in the world, there are huge investments of time and resources being deployed to those communities to extinguish the outbreaks. Just as the disease was improbably eradicated in India, it can be done in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria—and in the other countries where it has resurfaced in recent years.

Not only can it be done, it can be done soon. In India in 2009, there were [741](#) cases. The following year, there were just 42 and the last case in India was in January of 2011. When the political will exists, the resources will be found to end polio and there is no reason to believe that can't happen in 2015. If it does, the WHO will certify the world polio free in 2018 and we can stop immunizing children against polio and put those resources to work on ending another disease.

Should We?

Given the difficulty and the cost of polio eradication, some have asked if we shouldn't just be happy with the 99.9 percent progress we've made. Should we make the final push to eradicate polio?

The Gates Foundation looked at the financial aspects of this question to determine if the rather expensive end game strategy has a positive return on investment or ROI. The Foundation concluded that certainly it does.

In a world where polio continues to impact hundreds of children each year, not only do we need to continue to immunize every child in the world against the disease, but we need to provide expensive, lifelong care to those who are crippled by the disease. This virtually ignores the fact that some children will die from the disease and the world loses their potential contributions permanently.

Don't forget that the rate of immunizations in the U.S. has fallen in recent years. As the world shrinks effectively, drawn closer by technology and increasing global affluence allowing more and more people to travel around the world, American children are at serious risk of getting polio.

The Ebola epidemic today is a reminder that allowing a terrible disease to persist in impacting a few people each year simply because it doesn't impact a lot of people is a not a strategy at all.

We owe it to the world to eliminate the risk of disease that we can eradicate. How would we explain to the hundreds of children impacted by polio each year in the future that we simply don't care enough about them to do the hard things required to protect them.

The fact of the matter is that the resources are largely there. A funding shortfall of \$600 million in the total \$5.5 billion end game strategy is all that stands between us and polio eradication. That, and a bit more political will.

We can do this. We should do this. In fact, we must.



SOCIAL MEDIA COMMENTS



Bill Pollard • Rotary Zones 33/34

3 hrs · Glen Allen, VA, United States · Edited ·

The Rotary District 7600 Alumni Association is being chartered today at the Rotary District 7600 conference. We have been told this is the first Rotary Alumni Association in Zones 33-34.



Above right – Getting a purple pinkie to support the End Polio Now campaign at the Rotary District 7600 Conference from Bill Wilson, president of the South Hill Rotary Club and fellow native of Petersburg, Virginia.

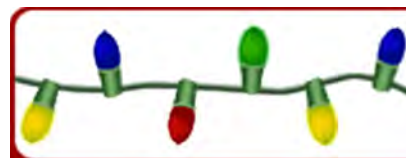


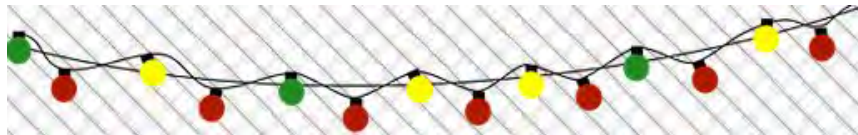
At left - Past RI Director John Smarge talking about membership issues in Rotary at the Rotary Zones 33-34 Institute.

Over the past ten years, every district in the US has had declining membership.

We need influential new members. Our sweet spot for new members are 45 to 65 year olds. However, our future core membership audience are from Generation X and we have to adapt to make Rotary interesting to them.

- at The Omni Grove Park Inn.





MERITORIOUS SERVICE

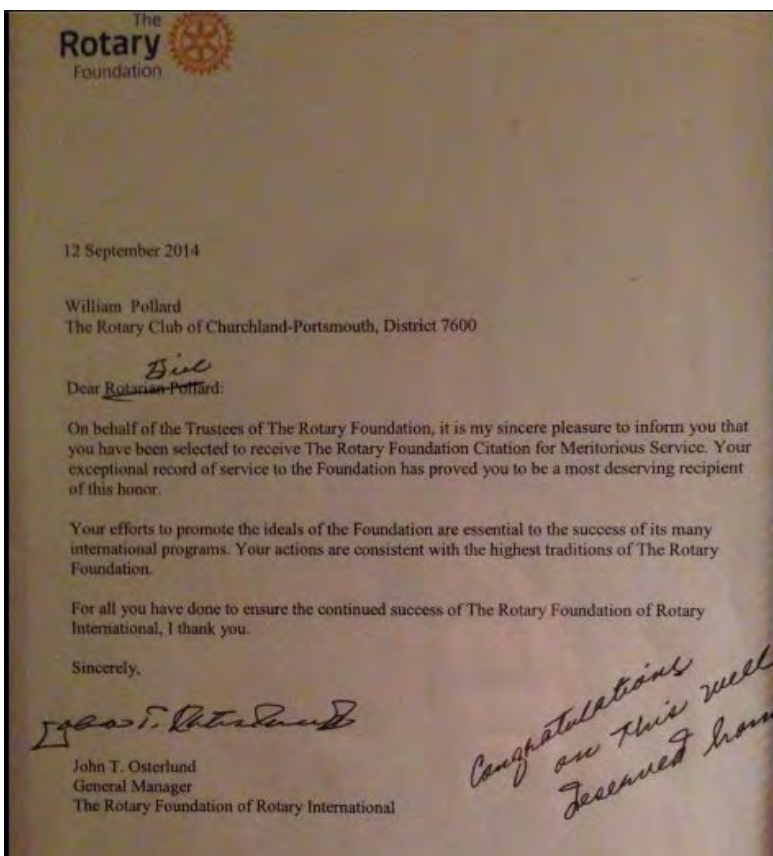


Thank you to the Rotarians in District 7600 for recognizing me at our Foundation Banquet with the Citation for Meritorious Service from The Rotary Foundation.

It was an honor to be presented the award from John Osterlund, General Manager of The Rotary Foundation in Evanston. John was our keynote speaker.

The photo includes John and my mom, Rotarian Joan Pollard. We have dedicated Rotarians in Rotary District 7600 who are "Doing Good in the World" by supporting The Rotary Foundation.

Thank you!



Help Us Reach Our Goal

John Kenny
Chair 2014-15
Rotary Foundation Trustee



Rotarians are generous people. They give to many good, charitable causes in their communities but in many instances do not support their own charity: The Rotary Foundation.

This Rotary year, I would like to see every Rotary club make a contribution to our Rotary Foundation.

Remember that the good we do in the world is limited only by the contributions we receive.

And when we give to our Foundation, we are not sending cash to Evanston – we are helping a blind man to see, a polio victim to walk, a child to grow to adulthood healthily, a student to become better educated, and a family to have food to eat.

Each year, the trustees of The Rotary Foundation set a goal for the Annual Fund – the fund that feeds the World Fund. This year, the goal is US\$123 million, with each Rotarian being asked to contribute a minimum of \$100.

I am conscious that this figure would mean more in some countries than others. But Rotarians should give according to their means.

The slogan Every Rotarian, Every Year means exactly that. Every Rotarian should make a contribution to our Foundation every year. Make it a priority this year to impress on your club the importance of every club supporting our Foundation in some way.

As I said at the outset, Rotarians are generous people. I am sure you will translate that generosity into giving to our Rotary Foundation. It is up to each and every one of us to do so.

This year, we must finish the job. Almost three decades ago, we Rotarians made a choice to give something far more important than money. We chose to give our word – our word that we would eradicate the poliovirus and create a future free of the disease.

But we haven't yet kept that word. We haven't yet made the earth polio-free. And in the words of Henry Ford, "You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do." In Rotary, we have been saying for many years that we are going to eliminate polio. It is my hope that there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we've done it.

Rotarians throughout the world have been walking this road for many years.

Polio eradication has been part of Rotary for decades now. We talk about it, we work toward it, and we've raised money for it – a great deal of money, over more than one campaign already.

And now we are asking our fellow Rotarians, and being asked ourselves, to do and give more.

We recognize that there will be those who feel they have given enough already to the cause of polio eradication – those who feel we have done enough, and that it is time to move on.

To those I say: If we pause, if we slacken now, if we say "almost" is the same as "did," we risk losing all that we have already given. We risk our own good name and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

This is something that we as Rotarians cannot and will not accept. We must continue until we finish the job.

I thank you.

G.E.T.S. TRAINING IN ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

...from <http://kensolowrotary.com/2014/11/20/gets-training-in-asheville-nc/>

Your intrepid, Ready, Fire, Aim, reporter was here at the Omni Grove Park Inn, in beautiful Asheville, NC, to attend GETS training. GETS is another one of those strange and wonderful Rotary acronyms. It's actually the fifth in a series of training meetings, beginning with WANTS, and then followed closely by NEEDS, ASKS, and BEGS. GETS stands for Governor Elect Training Seminar. (It will take too long for me to make up names for the other sessions, but if you are interested you can find them in the Appendix of the Rotary Manual of Procedure.)



At GETS training the DGE's from 15 Districts in Zone 33 and 14 DGE's in Zone 34 sit around a large "U" shaped table and play a peculiar brand of Rotary Leadership poker where all of the participants try and act confident and knowledgeable about being District Governor next year, while hiding the fact that they are actually reciting the well-known Rotary Leadership prayer, "Please Lord, Don't let me screw this up."

Yes, dear reader, even though you may have thought (and I have continuously reminded you) that Rotary District Governors, in the year of 2015-2016, are omnipotent beings incapable of making mistakes, it turns out that it takes a lot of training to turn us into the efficient, professional, and knowledgeable leaders you know as District Governors.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT THE CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP

DON'T MISS THIS HAPPY VIDEO

Click this link to view a happy video - http://www.jibjab.com/view/Ez_DjP5SS1ayXuigOXeThw



INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/04/world/asia/superbugs-kill-indias-babies-and-pose-an-overseas-threat.html?emc=edit_th_20141204&nl=todaysheadlines&nid=65815238&r=0

Superbugs Kill India's Babies and Pose an Overseas Threat



At left - A mother nursing her newborn at a hospital in Haryana, where almost every baby born in hospitals in recent years has been injected with antibiotics.

Credit Kuni Takahashi for The New York Times

AMRAVATI, India — A deadly epidemic that could have global implications is quietly sweeping India, and among its many victims are tens of thousands of newborns dying because once-miraculous cures no longer work.

These infants are born with bacterial infections that are resistant to most known antibiotics, and more than 58,000 died last year as a result, a recent study found. While that is still a fraction of the nearly 800,000 newborns who die annually in India, Indian pediatricians say that the rising toll of resistant infections could soon swamp efforts to improve India's abysmal infant death rate. Nearly a third of the world's newborn deaths occur in India.

"Reducing newborn deaths in India is one of the most important public health priorities in the world, and this will require treating an increasing number of neonates who have sepsis and pneumonia," said Dr. Vinod Paul, chief of pediatrics at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the leader of the study. "But if resistant infections keep growing, that progress could slow, stop or even reverse itself. And

In visits to neonatal intensive care wards in five Indian states, doctors reported being overwhelmed by such cases.

"Five years ago, we almost never saw these kinds of infections," said Dr. Neelam Kler, chairwoman of the department of neonatology at New Delhi's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, one of India's most prestigious private hospitals. "Now, close to 100 percent of the babies referred to us have multidrug resistant infections. It's scary."

These babies are part of a disquieting outbreak. A growing chorus of researchers say the evidence is now overwhelming that a significant share of the bacteria present in India — in its water, sewage, animals, soil and even its mothers — are immune to nearly all antibiotics.

Newborns are particularly vulnerable because their immune systems are fragile, leaving little time for doctors to find a drug that works. But everyone is at risk. Uppalapu Shrinivas, one of India's most famous musicians, died Sept. 19 at age 45 because of an infection that doctors could not cure.

While far from alone in creating antibiotic resistance, India's resistant infections have already begun to migrate elsewhere.

“India’s dreadful sanitation, uncontrolled use of antibiotics and overcrowding coupled with a complete lack of monitoring the problem has created a tsunami of antibiotic resistance that is reaching just about every country in the world,” said Dr. Timothy R. Walsh, a professor of microbiology at Cardiff University.

Indeed, researchers have already found “superbugs” carrying a genetic code first identified in India — NDM1 (or New Delhi metallo-beta lactamase 1) — around the world, including in France, Japan, Oman and the United States.

Anju Thakur’s daughter, born prematurely a year ago, was one of the epidemic’s victims in Amravati, a city in central India. Doctors assured Ms. Thakur that her daughter, despite weighing just four pounds, would be fine. Her husband gave sweets to neighbors in celebration.



Three days later, Ms. Thakur knew something was wrong. Her daughter’s stomach swelled, her limbs stiffened and her skin thickened — classic signs of a blood infection.

As a precaution, doctors had given the baby two powerful antibiotics soon after birth. Doctors switched to other antibiotics and switched again. Nothing worked. Ms. Thakur gave a puja, or prayer, to the goddess Durga, but the baby’s condition worsened. She died, just seven days old.

“We tried everything we could,” said Dr. Swapnil Talvekar, the pediatrician who treated her. Ms. Thakur was inconsolable. “I never thought I’d stop

crying,” she said.

A test later revealed that the infection was immune to almost every antibiotic. The child’s rapid death meant the bacteria probably came from her mother, doctors said.

Health officials have warned for decades that overuse of antibiotics — miracle drugs that changed the course of human health in the 20th century — would eventually lead bacteria to evolve in a way that made the drugs useless. In September, the Obama administration announced measures to tackle this problem, which officials termed a threat to national security.

Some studies have found that developing countries have bacterial rates of resistance to antibiotics that are far higher than those in developed nations, with India the global focal point.

Bacteria spread easily in India, experts say, because half of Indians defecate outdoors, and much of the sewage generated by those who do use toilets is untreated. As a result, Indians have among the highest rates of bacterial infections in the world and collectively take more antibiotics, which are sold over the counter here, than any other nationality.

A recent study found that Indian children living in places where people are less likely to use a toilet tend to get diarrhea and be given antibiotics more often than those in places with more toilet use. On Oct. 2, the Indian government began a campaign to clean the country and build toilets, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi publicly sweeping a Delhi neighborhood. But the task is monumental.

“In the absence of better sanitation and hygiene, we are forced to rely heavily on antibiotics to reduce infections,” said Ramanan Laxminarayan, vice president for research and policy at the Public Health Foundation of India. “The result is that we are losing these drugs, and our newborns are already facing the consequences of untreatable sepsis,” or blood infections.

Some health experts and officials here say that these killer bugs are largely confined to hospitals, where heavy use of antibiotics leads to localized colonies.

But India’s top neonatologists suspect the large number of resistant infections in newborns in their first days of life demonstrates that these dangerous bacteria are thriving in communities and even pregnant women’s bodies.

“Our hypothesis is that resistant infections in newborns may be originating from the maternal genital tract and not just the environment,” Dr. Paul said in an interview.

In a continuing study in Delhi at several government-run hospitals that has so far included more than 12,000 high-risk newborns, and was made available to The New York Times, about 70 percent of the babies’ infections were found to be immune to multiple powerful antibiotics, confirming the results of earlier and smaller studies.

Doctors interviewed in hospitals across India said that a large number of the infections they found in newborns were resistant to many antibiotics. Awareness of the problem has begun to grow, with Indian medical associations calling for efforts to reduce unnecessary antibiotic use. But there is keen sensitivity here to any alert to the dangers. A 2010 discovery of a New Delhi “superbug” caused intense controversy because of fears that publicity would threaten India’s profitable medical tourism industry. Government officials have stopped some studies of the problem, Dr. Walsh said.

The effects of antibiotic-resistant bacteria on treating disease in India could be enormous. Tuberculosis is just one example of the challenges doctors face. India has the world’s largest number of cases, and recent studies using the latest genetic tests have shown that as many as 10 percent of untreated patients in places as far apart as Mumbai and Sikkim have resistant infections. These patients are catching resistant bugs at home, not hospitals, making the epidemic very difficult to control, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, director of the National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, said in an interview.

“It’s startling and very worrying,” Dr. Swaminathan said. Unless the government makes profound and drastic changes, tuberculosis in India may soon become untreatable, she said.

Although resistant bugs are everywhere here, hospitals have become factories for untreatable “superbugs.”



A government program that pays women to have babies in hospitals has in 10 years more than doubled the share of hospital-born babies to 82 percent, but the government did little to increase hospital capacity to deal with the crush.

Maternity wards often have two and three women in each bed, allowing infections to spread rapidly.

At left - Mothers and newborns shared a bed at a hospital in Haryana.

Credit Kuni Takahashi for The New York Times

Besides being desperately crowded, many hospitals are unhygienic, allowing the bugs to flourish. A Unicef survey of 94 district hospitals and health centers in Rajasthan last year found that 70 percent had possibly contaminated water and 78 percent had no soap available at hand-washing sinks, while 67 percent of toilets were unsanitary.

Doctors across India have responded to the sanitation crisis in hospitals by giving antibiotics freely.

In Haryana, for instance, almost every baby born in hospitals in recent years was injected with antibiotics whether they showed signs of illness or not, Dr. Suresh Dalpat, deputy director of child health in the state of Haryana, said in an interview. “Now, with proper training, we are bringing that down.”

All those drugs create resistant bacteria that find their way into hospital sewage, which is mostly dumped untreated into rivers, canals and pits in the surrounding community where pregnant women can become infected.

The most frequent causes of resistant newborn infections in India are bacteria like Klebsiella and Acinetobacter, which are found in untreated human waste. Such bacteria rarely infect newborns in developed nations, said Dr. Paul.

India and other developing nations are by no means alone in threatening the future of antibiotics. Overuse of the drugs in chicken, hog and cattle farms in the United States has led to the rise of resistant strains there, and research has shown that as much as half of antibiotic prescriptions in the United States are unnecessary.

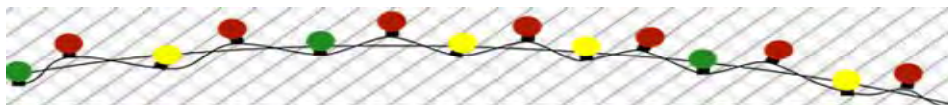
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated last year that two million people are sickened by resistant bacteria every year in the United States and 23,000 die as a result. But efforts to crack down on inappropriate antibiotic use in the United States and much of Europe have been successful, with prescriptions dropping from 2000 to 2010. That drop was more than offset, however, by growing use in the developing world.

Global sales of antibiotics for human consumption rose 36 percent from 2000 to 2010, with Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa accounting for 76 percent of that increase. In India, much of that growth has been driven by private doctors who deliver about 90 percent of care here and are often poorly trained. Much of these doctors' income comes from drug sales.

Just as worrisome has been the rapid growth of India's industrialized animal husbandry, where antibiotics are widespread. Most large chicken farms here use feed laced with antibiotics banned for use in animals in the United States. A New Delhi science group recently found antibiotic residues in 40 percent of chicken samples tested.

But the effects in children are perhaps the most heart-wrenching. After her baby's death a year ago, Ms. Thakur, 21, was soon pregnant again. She gave birth on Sept. 21 to a baby girl. On a visit shortly after the baby's birth, Ms. Thakur was shivering from a severe infection while staying in a home with no toilet or running water. She nursed her tiny infant, Khushi, under a small shrine with pictures of Durga and Krishna.

Nearly two months later, she reported that she and the baby were fine.



Photos from Zone Institute, Asheville, North Carolina - November



*Above left - DGN (7020) Haresh Ramchandani and Vinu; DG Paul Brown and Kay; DGE Felix Stubbs and Carla.
Above Right – with RIPN John Germ*



WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

...from the Wasrag newsletter

The Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI) at the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) is one of the 54 water resources research institutes established at land-grant universities throughout the United States and its territories.

WRRI was established in 1973 and operates under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 as amended by Public law 101-397.

Like other water resources research institutes, it receives partial federal funding provided through the U.S. Geological Survey.

Additional funding is provided by UVI and through contractual projects. WRRI is a part of the Research and Public Service component of the University.



Rain Water Harvesting¹

Thanks to Wasrag supporter Lloyd Gardner for letting us know the Virgin Islands Water Resources Institute conducts research on rainwater harvesting systems, relevant to Rotary Club and District projects in many countries. The reports are available in digital form [here](#). As defined by Wikipedia, "rainwater harvesting is the accumulation and deposition of rainwater for reuse on-site, rather than allowing it to runoff. Uses include water for garden, water for livestock, water for irrigation, water for domestic use with proper treatment, and indoor heating for houses etc."

For additional information see [Wasrag Guidelines for Sustainable water projects](#), page 47.

The three-fold mission of WRRI is:

1. To conduct research on water resources and related areas,
2. To assist in the training of students and water resources professionals
3. To provide information exchange in the area of water resources, not only locally and regionally, but on a national and international level.

An advisory board consisting of representatives from local and federal government, private agencies and citizen groups assists WRRI in developing its priority areas. This guidance has resulted in the Institute program historically being responsive to local needs. A major focus of research has been on the use of rain water cistern systems for domestic water supply. WRRI has extensively examined the quantity, quality and management aspects of this source of water which is required by law in the Virgin Islands.

WRRI operates a well-equipped meteorological station, water quality laboratory and geographical information systems laboratory on the St. Thomas campus of UVI. In addition to their research support roles, these facilities are used for demonstrations and to provide exposure and training in water resources areas to students that WRRI regularly employs and the general public.

2014 UNC Where Science Meets Policy



Proceedings from the recent University of North Carolina conference are now available [online](#).

Main conference themes – listed on the next page.

¹ <http://www.uvi.edu/research/water-resources-research-institute/local-program.aspx>
Caribbean Partnership Newsletter, December 2014

- WaSH in Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals;
- Hygiene and Behavior Change;
- WaSH Emergency Response;
- Monitoring and Evaluation:
- Impact and Efficiencies for Projects and Programs;
- Water Supply and Quality: From Catchment to Consumer and Back;
- Sanitation: How Are We Doing on Defining the Future?;
- Addressing Disparities in WaSH: Rural, Peri-urban and Indigenous Populations.

Save the date for 2015: October 26 - 30 !

2015 São Paulo convention dates changed

Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang and the RI Board have changed the dates for the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, to Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than previously scheduled.

The dates were changed because the original opening day (Sunday, 7 June) coincided with one of the city's most popular parades. The new start date will dramatically reduce traffic congestion and make it easier for Rotary members to attend the opening plenary sessions. It will also make it convenient to attend our very own Rotary Carnival, a [Host Organization Committee event](#), on Saturday evening.

Please share this information with club members by updating your websites, newsletters, and calendars. Check riconvention.org regularly for dates, deadlines, and registration and housing details. Find information about Host Organization Committee events at www.rotary2015saopaulo.br. If you still have questions, contact ri.registration@rotary.org.

The dates for the following events have also changed. Please check riconvention.org for the latest information:

- International Institute: Thursday-Friday, 4-5 June
- International Institute Luncheon: Thursday, 4 June
- Rotary Peace Symposium & International Institute Dinner: Thursday, 4 June
- Rotaract Preconvention: Thursday-Friday, 4-5 June
- Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention: Thursday-Friday, 4-5 June
- President's Recognition Luncheon: Sunday, 7 June
- Concert with Conductor João Carlos Martins and Samba School Vai-vai (HOC event): Sunday, 7 June
- President-elect's Leadership Luncheon: Monday, 8 June
- On to Seoul Convention Luncheon: Tuesday, 9 June



Successful CP Projects

Stories of interest at December, 2014

ROTARY CLUB OF GRAND CAYMAN - SIX4HOSPICE - APPEAL

It's not often that I write to promote a project in the Cayman Islands and following my DG year I am well aware of the needs in all of our communities. Cayman is one of the District's greatest contributors to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and often assists club projects within our District. However we currently have a project in Cayman that is in need of your club's help. It's a construction project and as such unfortunately is not eligible for a Global Grant, however, none the less, meets a real need in the Cayman Community.



My Club, the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman and in particular, our Past President Derek Haines, are spearheading the challenge to build a Hospice for the terminally ill here. In order to raise the profile of this worthy cause and Derek is running an amazing **Six Marathons across the World over an 8 month period**. At "65 years-young" he has already completed four and has so far raised a massive \$700,000. More can be found on the project at <http://six4hospice.com/>

The Rotary Hospice will cost \$1 million to complete and as such we still have a long way to go so the purpose of this e-mail is to ask for your club's assistance.

Your club or members can easily donate as follows and these details can also be found upon the web page:

If you live in Cayman then deposit directly to our local Royal Bank of Canada account or drop off a cheque or cash to Cayman HospiceCare.

1. [Royal Bank of Canada \(Cayman\) account info](#)

KYD Account: #06975 1145325, ROTARY – HOSPICE
USD Account: #06975 2634632, ROTARY – HOSPICE

2. [Drop a cheque to](#)

Cayman HospiceCare; 492 North Sound Road (cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman)

3. [Bank of Butterfield account info](#)

KYD Account: #136-039-232-002-1, ROTARY – HOSPICE
USD Account: #840-039-232-003-3, ROTARY – HOSPICE

For credit card or debit card donations:

www.caymangiftcertificates.com/six-for-hospice-challenge

If you live overseas then you can send us a wire transfer. See details for your preferred donation method shown on the next page.



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A/C #001 1 153 103 Swift: ROYCKYKY
For further credit to: Account #06975 2634632, Name: ROTARY – HOSPICE



Any amount will assist, no matter how small. Let me know if you have any questions and thanks in advance if you can assist in any way.

Warm regards from the Cayman Islands,

Jeremy

Immediate Past District Governor
Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 34
Rotary International District 7020

NEGRIL ALL-AGE GETS COMPUTER LAB

Rotary Club of Negril, Jamaica – and partners



Members of the Rotary Club of Negril and Charles McKenzie, principal of the Negril All-Age School (far right), assist students in browsing the internet after the computer laboratory was handed over to the school. (PHOTO: ANTHONY LEWIS)

THE Rotary Club of Negril in collaboration with its overseas partners recently provided a state-of-the-art computer laboratory to the Negril All-Age School to the tune of US\$23,000.

Joint Partnership. The joint partnership between the Rotary Club of Negril; the Rotary Club of Cary McGregor in North Carolina, USA; the Rotary District 7710 and the Rotary Foundation has made it possible for the purchase and installation of 16 computers and the wiring of several classrooms to facilitate further expansion.

Principal of the Negril All-Age School, Charles Mckenzie, said the new computer laboratory is a welcome and valuable gift to the school.

"We are thankful to the Rotarians here and in North Carolina who have provided this new computer system, which would otherwise be beyond our reach. It adds greatly to the measures we are taking to drive up literacy standards, particularly among those students who have fallen behind," stated an enthused McKenzie.

"The arrival of the system has been a great boost to my teachers, who now have the means of building computer learning programmes into their lesson plans."

President of the Rotary Club of Negril, Richard Warren, said with advancement in technology, every child will need exposure.

"We know the basic need for computer education across the country and across the world. With the advance in technology, basically every child from the earliest possible age will need to get exposure to a computer with Internet," explained Warren.

He added that most of the children in the Negril community attend the Negril All-Age School and therefore the institution was selected because of its impact on the community.

The school presently has a population of 700 students and a teaching staff of 19.

GRANTS THAT IMPACT YOU!

...submitted by Marilyn Blackhall

West Virginia Clubs (District 7530) and Rotary Club of St. Thomas II (District 7020)

Clubs in West Virginia (District 7530) are collaborating with Rotary Club of St. Thomas II in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands (District 7020) and the Eye Foundation of America to prevent Type 2 diabetes in West Virginia by participating in a Rotary Foundation global grant. Often, we hear stories about how we are helping other parts of the world by utilizing our DDF (district designated funds) to implement meaningful grants and projects in other countries.

I wanted to share this story with you because this global grant is happening right here in North America. The instance and prevalence of diabetes in this region exceeds the national average. Rotarians in the Bahamas are helping address these issues and together, they hope to prevent Type 2 diabetes.

Another interesting project happening at home helps address the need to feed under-privileged children. Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC) Nancy Barbee writes: After many national immunization day (NID) trips and several grants between District 7730 and districts in India, Past District Governor Nancy Barbee asked two districts in India if they would help feed under-privileged children in North Carolina. The District Governors in Districts 3010 and 3170 from India contributed \$10,000 each to the cause. Under the leadership of District Governor Don Atkins, District 7730 also contributed \$20,000 and with the TRF match, it grew into \$80,000.

The funds were used to feed children throughout District 7730 in North Carolina. Over half of the clubs in the district participated in the Backpack Buddies program with other organizations and fed more than 6,000 children on weekends and holidays.

...submitted with correction giving credit to the proper D7020 Rotary club...



ALZHEIMER'S CAMPAIGN

By Rotarian Edna Williams



Rotarian Edna Williams [right] pins a purple ribbon on Governor John Duncan at a club meeting to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease.

My initial interest in Alzheimer's disease began when I noted the symptoms in a fellow Rotarian who sat at the same table during luncheon meetings. One day he said to me "girl you know they say I have Alzheimer's".

I nodded and said I know. I stopped coming for a few weeks so I made arrangements with his family for me to pick him up and bring him to the meeting. They in turn will pick him up from the meeting.

This happened for quite a while until my schedule became such that I could no longer keep that obligation. And it bothered me that I lost touch with my 4th generation Rotarian.

As a result and as community minded individual, over the past 5 years I have become increasingly aware of individuals who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer or some other form of dementia.

As I speak to individuals on the issue the more I hear of other persons who have been diagnosed with this disease.

My interest and passion to learn more about this disease was spirited at the BVI District Conference in the BVI at which a member of the Alzheimer's Association of St. Maarten spoke.

This passion also drove me to attend a 3 day workshop in August 2013 in St. Maarten sponsored by Alzheimer Disease International and to ravenously read as much as I can about Alzheimer. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and accounts for 50% - 70% of all cases.

It destroys brain cells and nerve disruption of the transmitters which carry messages in the brain, particular those responsible for storing memories. During the course of Alzheimer's disease, nerve cells die in a particular region of the brain.

The brain shrinks as gaps develop in areas which are responsible for storing and retrieving new information. This in turn affects people's ability to remember, speak, think and make decisions. It is not known what causes nerve cells to die.

It primarily affects older persons around the age of 65 and the chances of having the condition rises sharply with age. This is some the information I wanted to share with the BVI community through an awareness campaign.

My basic plan was to speak with various companies and have them sponsor a full page advert in the BVI Beacon. This began in July with the first sponsor being my employer, Citco BVI Limited.

To date 6 articles have been sponsored.

An article was placed on an online news site and another was placed on the Rotary Club of Road Town Facebook site.

Businesses are now approaching me wanting to sponsor an article. An initial goal is to produce a piece for the local TV station. A physician recently presented the idea of organising a forum and bringing in subject experts and providing CME's as a means of educating the medical professions.

Another suggestion was to provide the Caregivers with training and Certification. These are thoughts that can become reality.

The end goal is to form an Alzheimer's Association here in the BVI which would provide support and guidance and information.





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Rotaryclub7020@gmail.com



UPDATES FROM OUR CP DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 6900 – Georgia – Club Notes

2015 District Conference

2014-2015 Theme

“Mission Possible”

JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA. APRIL 23-26, 2015

Join hundreds of fellow Rotarians as the district conference next year returns to traditional Jekyll Island home, but in brand new facilities. To get you in the spirit, we've created [this YouTube video](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn4DKMOlecw&feature=youtu.be>

DISTRICT 6910 – Georgia – District Seminar “Pillars for Success”

February 12, 2015 to February 25, 2015

National Immunization Day . Delhi, India

Participate with Fellow Rotarians, Family and Friends

Visit the Taj Mahal, Mother Teresa's Mission of Charity, Old and New Delhi and more.



DISTRICT 6920 - Georgia

What is the Paul Harris Society?

Named after Rotary's founder, the Paul Harris Society recognizes those who annually contribute US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Rotary Foundation grant. By joining the Paul Harris Society, you are making a lasting difference in communities around the world.



Rotary Direct, Rotary's recurring giving program, makes it easy to join the Paul Harris Society. Consider making a gift of \$85 a month or \$250 a quarter by using the attached contribution form or by visiting www.rotary.org/contribute.

DISTRICT 6930 - Florida's Atlantic Gold, Treasure, and Space coasts and west to Okeechobee and the Glades from Titusville to Boca Raton from North to South.



DISTRICT 6930 - South Florida

Rotary Club of Fort Myers gifts \$345,000 to Golisano Children's Hospital



Taking part in the Rotary Club of Fort Myers check presentation honoring Dr. Arnall were Sharon MacDonald, Anne Rose, Dr. Arnall's son, Robert Arnall, and Jim Nathan. The Rotary Club of Fort Myers recently presented its capital campaign contribution of \$345,000 to Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The gift was presented in memory of longtime children's hospital leader Dr. Bob Arnall.

Three key spaces used by patients, families and physicians within the new children's hospital will be named in memory of Dr. Arnall. These are a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit family lounge, a lobby in the Pediatric

Intensive Care Unit and a physician office in the Hematology/ Oncology Unit.

The bulk of funds presented were raised through the Rotary Club's sponsorship of the Fort Myers Wine Festival from 2005-2008.

"It is an honor for our club and our members to be able to dedicate these areas of the 'soon-to-be' new Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to the memory of Dr. Arnall. As we see the project and building come to life, it is even more meaningful to us to make sure the care given to thousands of children and families here in Southwest Florida by Dr. Arnall be remembered with love and honor," said club president Anne Rose. "He was a beloved and long-time member of our club for over 40 years and healed many children with compassionate care and love. We are honored to dedicate these funds in his memory."

The capital campaign supports construction of a new 292,000-square-foot, 128-bed pediatric medical facility on the campus of HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers. The state-of-the-art facility will provide for expanded specialty and sub-specialty pediatric services in our community. The new Golisano Children's Hospital, set to open in 2017, will help keep children and their families from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties close to home while receiving life-saving medical care and treatment.

Lee Memorial Health System President Jim Nathan notes, "Dr. Bob's loving care for children and gentle touch for families was already legendary for our community when he graciously accepted the role as Lee Memorial Hospital's very first medical director. His positive bedside manner helped shape and strengthen health care services for all of Southwest Florida and he is recognized and honored as the father of our children's hospital."

“Dr. Arnall was a special person, doctor, friend and Rotarian,” said past Rotary President John Noland. “He gave so much to his profession, Lee Memorial Health System and the community that he loved so much. Southwest Florida is a much better place because of Dr. Arnall. I always looked forward to seeing him because of his pleasant nature. It would please him that our club contributed to such a worthwhile cause and that the contribution will benefit the children of our community.”

Other families, individuals, organizations and businesses interested in honoring Dr. Arnall’s work on behalf of local children through a capital campaign gift are asked to contact Linda Kelly, senior director of development at 343-6064 or by email at linda.kelly@leememorial.org.

DISTRICT 7000 – Puerto Rico



DISTRICT 7010 – Canada - Located in Central and Northern Ontario

Did you know that District 7010 is hosting a Million Dollar Dinner in support of Our Rotary Foundation?

What?? - A Million Dollar Dinner is a celebration event designed to recognize all Major Donors and Bequest Society Members whose outright gifts or commitments are \$10,000 or greater. This can include members of the Paul Harris Society 10 year commitment. These gifts/commitments will be included if they are made between 1 July 2012 and 7 May 2015. Our goal is to show that D7010 is committed to our Rotary Foundation by raising a minimum \$1 Million USD in that time period.

When and Where – all of those who make that commitment are invited to a celebration dinner. A world known Rotary Leader has been invited to be the keynote speaker. It will be held on the 7 May 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Barrie.

DISTRICT 7020 – Northern Caribbean



Rotary (District 7020) Governor Paul Brown addressed Rotary Club of St. Thomas II and Rotary Club of St. Thomas for lunch — at Marriott Frenchman’s Reef Hotel St. Thomas.



DISTRICT 7030 - PETS, ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE
SURINAME 2015
08 - 11 April - 23rd Anniversary

DISTRICT 7550 - *Southern West Virginia (from Huntington and Kenova on the Kentucky border on the west, through Charleston, south to Bluefield on the Virginia border, then east through White Sulphur Springs) with over 1,350 members and 28 clubs.*



DISTRICT 7570 - Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee with nearly 4000 members and over 70 clubs.

Wheelchair distribution to Guatemala, "Providing mobility to those who have none."

The Wheelchair project 2012-2013: Providing the gift of mobility.

Guatemala City and Antigua, Guatemala were the sites for the third Wheel Chair distribution (Wheelchairs that our Rotarians from Dist. 7570 helped purchase during 2012-2013). Previous distributions were in the Caribbean and Bogota, Colombia. PDG Woody Sadler led a team of 13 Rotarians and their spouses to Guatemala from the 21-26 August 2014. 240 Wheelchairs will be presented. The team will be hosted by the Club Rotario Guatemala del Este.



The Rotary coordinator, Alejandro Ceballos, from the Rotary Club of Antigua, Guatemala shared that: "We are ready for this experience. You will enjoy not only the country but the fact that you will be helping very needy people . Tears will flow, I guarantee, but at the end you will be enriched with one of the best experiences as Rotarians."

All of the participants are excited about this opportunity to help those in need in our own Western Hemisphere. Perhaps Rotarian Kelly Miller from the Front Royal Rotary Club says it best, "I am really looking forward to meeting our fellow Rotarians and meeting the wonderful people of Guatemala. I feel blessed that we are all in a position to be able to contribute something positive in the lives of those who are not as fortunate as we all are. My understanding is that Antigua is a beautiful town steeped in a rich history. I have no doubt that we are all in for an incredible stay..."

The fourth and last Wheel Chair distribution was to Mexico on 8-13 October 2014. Information will be provided as the plans are finalized. If you are interested in participating please let PDG Woody know quickly so that you will not miss this opportunity to be a part of "providing the gift of mobility."

DISTRICT 7600 - Virginia

The Chesapeake Rotary Club donated \$30,000 to Boys and Girls Club of Chesapeake. The Boys and Girls Club was one of several organizations that received a contribution from the club's annual wine festival. This year distributions of \$130,000 were made and over the past 5 years \$880,000 has been contributed to local charities.





The Churchland Rotary Club's weekly Queen of Hearts drawing is down to one card - the Queen of Hearts.

The individual whose raffle ticket is drawn at our next meeting will receive over \$800 from the pot. Proceeds of our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing supports our Christmas fund providing food, clothes, and toys to families experiencing challenging times.

The Churchland Rotary Club meets at 7:30 am every Tuesday morning in the American Legion building located behind the McDonald's on Western Branch Boulevard, Chesapeake, VA.

Guests are welcome to participate in the drawing. Cost of breakfast is \$7.



***ONGOING SUPPORT AND BEST WISHES FOR ERIC ADAMSON
PAST RI VICE-PRESIDENT AND PAST RI DIRECTOR***

Eric Adamson, Past RI Vice President and Past RI Director from Front Royal, Virginia (District 7600) suffered a serious head injury following a fall in June. He continues to recover.

DISTRICT 7610 - Virginia

THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME TO THE 2014 RYLA CAMP!

I am very grateful and humbled to have been the student chosen from the Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club. It has really opened my eyes to the importance of becoming a thoughtful, disciplined and organized leader.

DJ Gartzke 703 424 1254
Ebensville High School senior

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

The core educational foundation of RYLA is essential in equipping our youth with the necessary experiences, relationships, and knowledge that will foster the development of a responsible citizen.

DISTRICT 7620 - Maryland



[Above] Past Rotary International Vice President Anne Matthews was the keynote speaker at the Rotary Foundation banquet on November 2. Governor Bill Fine and DRFC Claude Morissette presented awards.

CENTRAL MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON DC USA STAR-SPANGLED CONFERENCE ON THE HORIZON by Mary Ford-Naill

Reserve your spot now for District 7620's 2015 Star Spangled Conference that will be held from May 7th through 9th in historic Downtown Frederick. Maryland's second largest city, Frederick, offers an award winning thriving downtown loaded with specialty shops, art galleries, cultural venues and restaurants!

Did you know that Frederick County was also home to Francis Scott Key who penned our National Anthem? Key created the Star Spangled Banner at a moment of great historical interest – and now Rotary District 7620 will set the stage to create a little history of its own with the 2015 Star Spangled District Conference!

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Doing Good for Children!

This month we're announcing the formation of the "Rotary Distinguished Clown Corps" (RDCC). This project will establish a group of Rotary, business and community leaders that will make a donation to be split between Hemby and Levine Children's Hospitals and will periodically visit children in those hospitals to put some much needed joy in their eyes.

The RDCC is based on a model used by other cities and will be supported by Charlotte Center City Partners.

The RDCC will participate in the Novant Christmas Parade (actual parade date is Thanksgiving) and be in costume and makeup. Rotary will be featured in Parade literature and advertising so this will also be a great opportunity to get the word out to people that might not otherwise know about what Rotary is and what it does.

For more information please go to district7680clowncorps.org where there are two ways to "sign up"!



ABOUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Hotel Roanoke, April 30 - May 3, 2015



DISTRICT 7710 - The heart of North Carolina - 45 clubs in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and surrounding communities in North Carolina.



Welcome to Rotary District 7710

Welcome to the website of Rotary District 7710, consisting of 45 clubs in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and surrounding communities in North Carolina. We are part of Rotary International, one of the world's largest service organizations, where more than 1.2 million members believe it starts with a commitment to Service Above Self. You'll find our members volunteering in communities at home and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio. Explore our site and see what we're doing to make a difference. Or become a Rotarian yourself by joining today.



WELCOME NEW YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Our District welcomes our 4 new Youth Exchange students including Heida Maack (Iceland), Gabriel Patrial (Brazil), Enrico Pappalardo (Italy) and Cami Truone (Argentina). They will attend high school and live with host families during their 11-month stay. They will travel to the mountains and the coast.

Learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange at www.exchangestudent.org.

DISTRICT 7720 - North Carolina



District Governor-Elect Bob Pippen and Charlene (both members of The Rotary Club of Elizabeth City Morning) had the opportunity to meet with Rotary International President Elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindan at the recent Zone 33/34 Institute.

RIPE Ravi spent a great deal of time with the 29 Governors of the class of 2015-16.



DISTRICT 7730 - Southeastern North Carolina

Newport Rotary Club and Maysville Rotary Club Join to Eradicate Polio!

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

By Lin Kelly

Newport Rotary and Maysville Rotary held a joint meeting in Maysville on Tuesday evening to participate in a global fundraising effort for Polio Eradication. Suzanne Rea of Australia, Founder of The World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio was the guest speaker. By the end of the evening, less than 15 Rotarians in two small, rural Eastern North Carolina Rotary clubs had combined to fund over \$1,500 for Polio Eradication efforts!

Rea's message, that any Rotarian with a passion can make a difference with global impact, resonated with the participants in the room. Over \$500 in personal and club contributions were raised, and those funds were then matched by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a 2 for 1 Match. The result, impact equates to over 1,000 doses of polio vaccine in the fight against Polio.

Thanks to PDG Nancy Barbee for arranging for the fantastic speaker. Newport Rotarians attending were Pres. Joe Garner, PDG Bevin Wall, Pam Wall, Rick Moreau, Anita Moreau and Rotary prospective member Sue Hogan. We had run there and on the ride up and back!

By Bevin Wall

Caribbean Partnership Newsletter, December 2014

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"Light Up Rotary"

- By "Doing Good In the World"
- By leading or participating in a Project
- By sponsoring a new Member
- By sharing Ideas and Resources to Make Your Club Stronger
- By pooling Resources to Make a Larger Impact in Your Community
- By donating to our Foundation
- By having FUN in everything we do

Rotarians practice high Ethical Standards and the Four-Way Test!



District Governor Jimmie Williamson's December Message -

As I reflect on the many facets of Rotary, I am reminded of my "Rotary family". Sure, my immediate family is connected to Rotary, some in more tangible ways than others, but I have an extended family that I also refer to as my "Rotary family". For me, it includes the members of my home club, Cheraw, as well as members of various clubs in this district. I am connected, however, to the District Governor's and their spouses in Zones 33 and 34. They have become integral members of my family as we have shared training and education about our organization. As I have traveled abroad, I have also become aware of my brothers and sisters in foreign lands – all working on behalf of Rotary and delivering "service above self" no matter where they live.

The one element that unites us all however, is that we are "Rotarians". That does not just mean that we are Rotary members (which we all are), but we've had some event during our Rotary life that moved us from becoming "just a member" to being a true "Rotarian". What was your moment? Mine was when I realized that I had been the beneficiary of so many projects that the Hartsville, SC Rotary club had sponsored. I

was a member of a local Boy Scout troop, used book covers that the Hartsville club had so graciously provided and in general, enjoyed a better quality of life in my bucolic hometown all because of the good works of Rotarians. What was your moment when you realized you were part of something much larger and much more grand? Email me your "moment" (jwilliamson@agapesenior.com). I'd be interested to hear when you realized you were more than just a member and were a true "Rotarian".

The family of Rotary welcomes you, and many others who want to "do good" in the world – will you join our family by becoming true Rotarians and commit to our ideals?

Whatever is beautiful, whatever makes you smile, whatever makes you realize that love abounds – regardless of where we are located; ALL of this, I wish for you and your family during this holiday season!

Happy Holidays!



DG Jimmie Williamson

DISTRICT 7810 - an international district



Rotary International District 7810

The Mission of the Rotary District is to help Rotary Clubs within the District advance the Object of Rotary by:

- Associating Clubs within the District for RI administrative purposes.
- Identifying, recruiting, training and motivating District leadership.
- Promoting the standing and special programs of RI.
- Determining and reporting the health of each Club in the District.
- Encouraging and supporting the services provided by Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians.
- Planning and conducting weekly meetings with meaningful programs.
- Ensuring the Rotary information is disseminated to all members.
- Promoting the growth of the club through membership development and use of the classification system.
- Organizing and carrying out worthy service projects.

DISTRICT 7890 - 2350 Rotarians in 60 clubs; northern half of Connecticut and western third of Massachusetts

Rotary Leadership Institute a Great Success in 2014

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) took place on Saturday, November 8, at the MassMutual Conference and Training Center in Chicopee. This year's program was a great success, with participation over doubled from last year!

A few statistics: This year RLI had 78 participants, six sessions, and 11 graduates (eight from 7890, two from 7910 and one from 7950)

Our District's five-year total for Part I of the Institute was 68, a number which does not include the 48 from this year alone. The total attendance included 18 people from Western Massachusetts.

Of the ten faculty members, five came from our district, two from District 7910, and one each from Districts 7950, 7980 and 7780. One Rotarian, Mary Helman, drove 250 miles from Maine to facilitate.

New friends were made. PDG (2012-2013) Eileen Rau, Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 32, sat at a table with five others who she initially assumed were longtime friends. PDG Rau later found out these Rotarians had just met that morning!

At least one project was created during the service project session, one to help the homeless. Another project will be resurrected at a Connecticut Rotary club as the result of brainstorming during a session.

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50079/Stories/rotary-leadership-institute-a-great-success-in-2014#sthash.IXoCuy8v.dpuf>



The Donation Box is at Artisans Corner for the month of December.

Drop off your non-perishable food and health and beauty aids there.

Thank you



And the Grinch,
with his grinch-feet
ice-cold in the snow,
Stood puzzling and puzzling:
"How could it be so?
"It came without ribbons/
It came without tags/
"It came without packages,
boxes or bags!"
And he puzzled three hours,
till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought
of something he hadn't before!
"Maybe Christmas, he thought,
"doesn't come from a store.
"Maybe Christmas . . . perhaps
. . . means a little bit more!"



APPENDIX A

Governors of Zones 33/34 – 2013-14

Mailing list for Caribbean Partnership Newsletter at December, 2014

This list will be updated as I receive more information. I print it here for your information.

Please help keep this list up to date. Help fill in the blanks. Email ladykitt@gmail.com

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CP = Caribbean “Partnership”

Let’s expand our Rotary influence!

*We need more U.S. Clubs and
Caribbean Clubs to become
official partners!*

APPENDIX B

INTERESTING INFORMATION – ZONES 33 AND 34

Totals for Zone 33

Total number of districts: 15
Total number of clubs: 784
Total number of Rotarians: 38572
Number of two-year terms out of 16 terms: 8

Totals for Zone 34

Total number of districts: 14
Total number of clubs: 774
Total number of Rotarians: 37029
Number of two-year terms out of 16 terms: 8

Interesting websites for Zones 33 and 34

- <http://www.rizones33-34.org/>
- <http://membership33-34.blogspot.com/>
- <http://rotaryresources.blogspot.com/> (Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator's Blog - Rotary Resources)
- <http://zone34retentioncentral.blogspot.com/> (Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator's Blog – Retention Central)

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

APPENDIX C

Alphabet Soup of Rotary – Rotary Acronyms

AG	Assistant Governor
COL	Council on Legislation - <i>held every 3 years, Rotary's Parliament</i>
DDF	District Designated Funds – <i>Rotary Foundation funds managed by district</i>
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DGN	District Governor Nominee
DRFC	District Rotary Foundation Committee
EMGA	Endowment Major Gift Advisor – <i>Foundation appointment works in zone</i>
EREY	Every Rotarian Every Year - <i>annual gift to The Rotary Foundation</i>
GETS	Governor Elect Training Seminar – <i>yes Governors are trained</i>
MOP	Manual of Procedure - <i>Rotary policy, constitution and bylaws</i>
NID	National Immunization Day - <i>mass polio vaccination days</i>
PDG	Past District Governor
PE	President Elect
PETS	President Elect Training Seminar
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow
PHS	Paul Harris Society – <i>members pledge US\$1000 a year to Rotary Foundation</i>
PP	Past President
RAG	Rotarian Action Group - <i>experts in an area, such as AIDS, water, malaria, etc.</i>
RC	Rotary Club
RC	Rotary Coordinator – <i>works in a zone on membership & Rotary programs</i>
RDU	Rotary Down Under – <i>Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Islands</i>
RI	Rotary International
RIBI	Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland
RID	Rotary International Director – <i>member of RI board</i>
RINO	Rotary in name only – <i>a disparaging term for a not very active Rotarian</i>
RIP	Rotary International President
RIPE	Rotary International President Elect
RITS	Rotary International Travel Service
RLI	Rotary Leadership Institute
ROTEX	Returned Youth Exchange Students <i>or rebound YE</i>
RPC	Rotary Peace Center
RPIC	Rotary Public Image Coordinator – <i>zone position focused on PR & Public Image</i>
RRFC	Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator – <i>zone position to promote Foundation</i>
RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
STEP	Short-Term Exchange Program – <i>youth program</i>
TRF	The Rotary Foundation
TRFC	The Rotary Foundation Canada
VTT	Vocational Training Team
YEP	Youth Exchange Program

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