

Rotations

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John Sherry opened his last meeting as outgoing President to a round of applause. A.C. Webb provided the thought for the day honoring Mike Kearney.

John announced that Diablo View Rotary Club's mixer is on Mon, Jun 29, 5:30 pm - contact John. Rotary Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields has been changed to Dec 5. There will be no club meeting on Thurs, Jul 2.

John Sherry thanked his board and numerous other members who helped in various ways throughout the year:

- Sandi Mitchell who filled in when he went fishing.
- The board of directors for supporting him and making his job as easy as possible.
- Chuck Vogel, Ron Wake, and Troy Fedderson for filling in board vacancies.
- Geoff Zimmerman and Andy Scheck for being Sgts-of-Arms.
- Tom Henry for being Sunshine chairman and website director.
- Tom Courtright for delivering flowers to our members.
- Dale Turner for *Rotations*.
- Larry Duson for being there for to answer questions.
- Bob Shusta, for his opinions and comments.
- Ron Wake for being in charge of the Paul Harris Foundation.
- Jay Lifson for use of his conference room for board meetings.
- Peggy for chairing the raffle.
- And, finally, he thanked every one who answered, "yes, I'll help you," when asked.

Geoff Zimmerman recognized members: Ray Bland, Bob Shusta, and Bill Eames for birthdays; A.C. Web, John Sherry, Tom Henry, and Ray Bland for their anniversaries; A.C. thanked this year's

golf committee.

SPEAKER: Kirk Bailey, Danville-Sycamore Rotary Club, talked about his 2006 trip as part of Rotary's goal to eradicate polio. Kirk helped at an immunization station in Ghana, where the government requires all children to receive immunization, which is an important factor in trying to wipe out the disease.



For centuries, polio was an endemic disease. Under poor sanitary conditions, infants were exposed to, and built up immunity to, the poliovirus, while still protected by polio antibodies transmitted from their mothers. Ironically, it was with increased sanitary conditions, in the late 1800's, when it became an epidemic in Europe, and in the early 20th century, in the United States.

Rotary's war on polio began in 1979 with a commitment to buy and deliver vaccine to six million children in the Philippines. Successful campaigns in other countries spurred the planning of the most ambitious program in Rotary's history: the immunization of the world's children against polio. By 1985, Rotary had forged a global strategy. Thanks to Rotary and its partners, polio cases have been slashed by more than 99 percent. When Rotary began its campaign, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually; in 2008, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported. But the final 1 percent will be the most difficult and expensive to prevent for reasons including geographical isolation, worker fatigue, armed conflict, and cultural barriers.

The \$555 million funding agreement between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation marks another milestone in Rotary's 20-year legacy of polio eradication work.





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RI President-elect John Kenny and RI President Dong Kurn Lee wave to the crowd during the closing plenary session of the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

BIRMINGHAM EMBRACES HISTORIC CONVENTION

After four days of celebrating Rotary's spirit of international fellowship and service, Rotarians from all over the world bid adieu to the 100th RI Convention in Birmingham, England, on 24 June.

RI President-elect John Kenny, the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 104-year history, encouraged the more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries at the convention to join in the last push to eradicate polio. "Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority and our main focus," Kenny said during the closing plenary session. "It is up to us to finish the job."

Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, has emphasized the important role that individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs play in the future of the organization, a message captured in the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*. ... "The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs -- by every one of you," Kenny said. "Every Rotarian adds fresh ideas and energies to their clubs and their districts. Each one of you can make important contributions and pass on to your successors stronger clubs, healthier communities, and a better world."

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu said Rotary has earned the world's respect. "When they started out saying they wanted to eradicate polio, a lot of people said you ought to have your head read," he said. ...

Jean-François Rischard, who recently retired as World Bank vice president for Europe, suggested that Rotarians can help influence top policymakers to bring necessary change to the world.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called Rotary the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort and pledged the UN's continued cooperation and support.

Actress and UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow ... told Rotarians that they are almost there and to push just a little further.

Primatologist and humanitarian Dr. Jane Goodall stressed the goals that her organization shares with Rotary and called for increased collaboration.

Jan Egeland, director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, told Rotary World Peace Fellows that he feels optimistic knowing that a new generation of peacemakers coming out of Rotary's programs will have unparalleled knowledge, technology, and training to do much-needed work.

Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF's chief of water, sanitation, and hygiene, spoke about the urgent need for collaborative efforts to ensure access to clean water and improved sanitation around the world.

-- Arnold R. Grahl , RI News, 24 Jun 2009, excerpt

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

- Dong Kurn Lee RI President
- Jim Campbell Dist 5160 Governor
- John Sherry President
- Sandi Mitchell Vice President
- Bob Shusta Secretary
- Greg Vaisnor Treasurer
- Chuck Vogel Club Service
- Don Anderson Community Service
- Mike Kearney International Service
- Terry Camp Vocational Service
- Ron Wake Past President
- Andy ScheckSergeant of Arms
- Geoff ZimmermanSergeant of Arms

GIVE HOPE - GIVE A HAND

The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates an LN-4 Prosthetic Hand in the name of our speakers each week. The LN-4 Prosthetic Hand transforms lives and empowers those who have lost hands and limbs due to land mines, birth defects, and other catastrophes.



MAKE UP MEETINGS

See 'Where Clubs Meet' for meeting times and locations of nearby clubs:

www.rotary5160.org/clubs/meetings.php

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 07/02 **No meeting**
- 07/09 Sandi Mitchell, incoming President
- 07/16 Sandi Mitchell, Club Visioning
- 07/23 Dick Holt, Senior Needs Assessment
- 07/30 Sun Lee, Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholar studying in Tours, France

LOCAL & DISTRICT EVENTS

- 07/11 District Installation Dinner & Awards Banquet, Corning, CA
- 08/15 Membership/Foundation Leader Training
- 10/01-04 Dist. Conference, Lake Tahoe
- 12/05 Rotary Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 07/01 New Rotary officers begin their year of service
- Aug Membership and Extension Month
- Sept New Generations Month
- Oct Vocational Service Month
- Nov Rotary Foundation Month
- 2010 RI Convention, Montreal, Canada
- 2011 RI Convention, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 RI Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

BIRTHDAYS

- 07/01 Dan Baker
- 07/03 Polly Bernson
- 07/03 Andy Scheck
- 07/04 Chuck Vogel
- 07/08 Bob Aguilar
- 07/19 Jesse Wellen
- 07/26 Jack Hansen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 07/04 Tom Courtright
- 07/07 Warren Rupf
- 07/10 Steve Snyder
- 07/16 Chuck Vogel
- 07/21 Bud Moulthrop

GREETERS

- 07/02 **No meeting**
- 07/09 Jesse Wellen
- 07/16 Troy Winkles
- 07/23 Geoff Zimmerman
- 07/30 Don Anderson
- 08/06 Dan Baker

