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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Phil Gresham
Imm Past President	Alistair Smith
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Unfortunately I cannot upgrade on PP Bas Veal's Health as I have had no response to text messages since last week. We all trust that Bas is on the road to recovery.

Great fellowship meeting day, with a reasonable number attended after a weekend of city lockdown for the G20.

The police and security certainly did a good job in the prevention of actions that we have all seen on the news from previous leader's summit meetings.

Again just a friendly reminder that members should read the bulletin and attend where the roster has given them a job for the day!!!
The following general business items were referred today:

- The AGM for district 9600 has been reconvened for Sunday 23 Nov at 10 am to be held at District office Evergreen Centre Discovery Drive North lakes. The meeting was reconvened due to lack of numbers to establish a quorum previously.
- It was agreed the club would send a Proxy vote in favour of the Chairperson.
- Our Next Club Work day will be the BBQ at BP Refinery on 27th Nov. As we have lost two of our team of assistance for the day, please advise me urgently if you can help. Day will require you to be in attendance from about 9.30 for safety briefing until about 2pm.



What's on? 24 November:

Professor Michael Breakspear
Head of the Mental Health Program at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research

Date Claimers

28 November:
RCOB Christmas Dinner



8th December:
RCOB Annual General Meeting'

4 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?





President's Message

- Denise Schellbach has taken over the arranging of speakers in Bas Veal's absence; next week will be Professor Michael Breakspear from QMIR Head of the Mental Health Program, come along and hear about the latest research into mental problems that are affecting a substantial proportion of our population, and a problem that is on the increase.
- Xmas Cakes & pudding orders are currently being taken by Rtn Dougal Henderson get your order in now, as the club and the Rotary Foundation receives cash benefits.
- A Reminder, we have been rostered on for DIK packing Sat. 6th December at Durack.
- AGM scheduled for inclusion with lunch meeting Monday 8th December 2014. All members are requested to attend on that day and vote as required.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 17 November

The Chairman for the day was Michael Stephens. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach presented an impressive guest speaker list that she had assembled, with quality speakers well into 2015.

PP Keith Watts reminded members that nominations for Office Bearers for 2014/15 are being sought. Nominations would be put before the AGM scheduled for 8th December.

Tony McKinnon spoke about the RCOB Christmas Dinner. Those intending to come and who had not already paid needed to pay by 5pm today (17th) to be able to attend.

Rotary Meeting – 10 November (continued)

This was a 'Fellowship' meeting during which President Graeme led discussions about a number of confidentially issues affecting RCOB, including dissemination of presentations made by guest speakers. Material would not be disseminated unless consent was given by the speaker. Also consideration needs to be given to how much RCOB information should be freely available on the web, and what should be password protected. Also discussed was cooperation with other RCs to increase attendances at meetings when prominent speakers were presenting. RCOB now had an extensive list of quality speakers that warranted good attendances.

Finally SAA Cam Bishop ran a shortened session and simply asked members to make a donation. Max Winders won the raffle, but the Joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won...a real incentive for attending future meetings.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

Honoring Salk and Sabin by finishing the job of ending polio

The following is an excerpt of an address given by Dr. John L. Sever, vice chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, to the Innovations in Healthcare Symposium 23 October in New York, held to honor Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin for World Polio Day and the 100th anniversary of Salk's birth. Source: blog.rotary.org

I had the pleasure of knowing both Dr. Salk and Dr. Sabin through our mutual participation at medical meetings, and when they would visit me at my offices and laboratories at the National Institutes of Health.



Calendar

1 December:

Dick Cijfers
Journeys Worldwide

8 December:

The Hon. Teresa Gambaro
Federal Member for Brisbane
*Chair of Foreign Affairs,
Defence & Trade*

19 January 2015:

BJ from Nepal

Roster

24 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

1 December 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	C Muir
Set Up/Away	P Little
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

8 December 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	K Watts
Set Up/Away	J Ryder
Raffle	A McKinnon
Visitor Register	P Little
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

15 December 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	W Bishop
Set Up/Away	P Caragata
Raffle	W Walker
Visitor Register	S Dunlop
Attendance	J Smerdon D O'Donoghue

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I remember in particular a medical meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, in the 1960s at which Dr. Sabin and I were both speakers. On the first morning of the meeting, my wife and I came down for breakfast. Dr. Sabin was sitting alone and invited us to join him. He was very excited because physicians in Cuba had reported that they had used the oral polio vaccine in a new way. They gave all of the children in Cuba the vaccine during just a few days, rather than at age specific intervals. They showed that with this approach, they not only protected the children from polio, but they succeeded in eradicating it from Cuba.

Global eradication

This was a wonderful finding and Dr. Sabin was delighted. He advocated it enthusiastically for what he called "The Rapid Elimination and Ultimate Global Eradication of Paralytic Poliomyelitis Caused By Polioviruses." It became the basis for the worldwide use of National Immunization Days.

It was Dr. Sabin's oral polio vaccine used in National Immunization Days that empowered Rotary and our partners to immunize more than two-and-a-half billion children against polio — bringing the virus to the brink of eradication. And it will be Dr. Salk's injectable, inactivated vaccine, used during the end-game phase of the campaign that will enable us to slam the door shut once and for all on this terrible disease.

This is a fitting legacy for these two icons of modern medicine.

Beginnings of PolioPlus

Rotary's involvement in polio eradication began in 1979, when RI's president Clem Renouf learned that smallpox had just been eradicated and wondered if it might be appropriate for Rotary to use its new humanitarian grants program to take on a comparable goal. I was an active Rotarian and chief of the Infectious Diseases Branch, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, at the National Institutes of Health, at the time, so Renouf asked for my opinion.

I recommended that Rotary establish a program to help immunize the children of the world against polio and eradicate the disease. With Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world and a total membership then of about one million, I knew our members were well positioned to help public health authorities reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine.

Since the launch of our PolioPlus program in 1985, in close collaboration with Dr. Sabin, progress against polio has been nothing short of tremendous. In 2013, there were fewer than 420 cases worldwide, a decrease of more than 99 percent. And the wild poliovirus is now endemic to only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Making history

With the goal so close, we continue to face challenges — armed violence against vaccinators, the rise of new threats such as Ebola, and donor fatigue, to name a few. But we face each of these challenges with the same determination and resiliency that has brought us this far. To our supporters, and especially donor governments, we say: We are truly on the verge of making history.

I am sure that Salk and Sabin would be immensely proud of where we are today: on the threshold of a polio-free world. Their combined genius gave us the tools to eliminate polio once and for all. Today, we owe it to them – and to the world's children – to get the job done.



About the author: John L. Sever is a member of the Rotary Club of Potomac, Maryland, USA, and vice chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. He is a professor emeritus of pediatrics and microbiology, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health and Children's National Medical Center.

Pushing the limits to help end polio

By Kristin Brown, Rotary staff
Source: blog.rotary.org

It's been three months since I was appointed captain of the Rotary staff Miles to End Polio bike team and it's been a great ride! Over the past 12 weeks, we've ridden hundreds of miles together, including weekly group rides of between 40 and 100 miles. More importantly, we've raised thousands of dollars for PolioPlus: as of this week, we met and passed the team goal of \$15,000 well on our way to \$20,000.

Our longest training rides have coincidentally fallen on the coldest and windiest weekend days. In September, several of us rode the North Shore Century with temperatures in the 40s and winds gusting over 20 mph. Two weeks later, we headed to northern Wisconsin for a team retreat and hill training. We woke up to an inch of snow on the ground! Fortunately, it melted a few hours later and we took off for 60 steep miles with cold temperatures but spectacular fall color.



The Miles to End Polio team during a chilly training ride.

Finally, a week ago, a few of us headed for the Wisconsin border – just over 80 miles round-trip. Temperatures were in the low 30s when we began but had risen to the mid-40s by the end of our ride. The 15 mph winds that challenged us on the ride north, gave a welcome push for the return ride to Evanston.

Before joining the Miles to End Polio team, I never would have considered riding under these cold and windy conditions. I prefer temperatures comfortably over 60 degrees, with the sun shining and the wind at my back.



But this project isn't about comfort: it's about challenging ourselves and pushing the limits, suffering just a little bit and raising money so that we can End Polio Now and make sure future generations no longer suffer the consequences of this devastating disease.

In a little under two weeks, we fly to Tucson to join Rotarians from D5500 in El Tour de Tucson who report having raised over \$4.3 million for PolioPlus, counting the match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. I understand that last year, the ride took place during a "once in a century November downpour." I'm looking forward to a warm, sunny ride, but know our team is prepared to meet the challenge even if there's a "twice in a century" weather anomaly.

Kristin Brown is manager of Rotary Service Connections at RI World Headquarters and a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse. She is leading a team of six Rotary staff members who will be riding in El Tour de Tucson along with General Secretary John Hewko to raise money for polio eradication. Read posts from other team members, and learn how you can support the team.
