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#### **EDITORIAL**

A major focus of Rotary, globally has been the support of the eradication of polio. It seems that there has been progress. Every year our Club supports this program through it's donations to the Rotary Foundation. Here is an article from RI to keep you all in the loop as to progress in this important area of Rotary service.

EVANSTON, III. (16 June 2015) — The continued fight to stamp out polio will receive an additional \$40.3 million boost from Rotary to support immunization activities and research carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Rotary grants these funds to the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF for polio immunization, surveillance and research activities in 10 countries.

The funding commitment comes at a critical time as Nigeria – the last polio-endemic country in Africa – approaches one-year since its last case of polio, which occurred in Kano State on 24 July, 2014. If the current progress continues, WHO may remove Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries as early as September. In addition to the notable progress in Nigeria, no new cases of polio have been reported anywhere in Africa since August 2014.

Experts do, however, strongly caution that it is too soon to fully celebrate. Nigeria needs to go an additional two years without polio to be certified polio-free. Funding and support for high-quality immunization campaigns and surveillance activities will be key to sustaining current gains.

"We are closer than we've ever been to wiping out polio," said Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Although there has been noteworthy progress made against the disease, children remain at risk. Rotary – along with our partners – must continue to stay the course and remain steadfast in our plight to eradicate polio. These funds will help boost our efforts to combat polio worldwide."

The only two other polio-endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, continue to experience hurdles in polio eradication campaigns including inaccessibility to children and security. Last year, Pakistan saw an outbreak which resulted in more than 300 cases, the highest number in the country in more than a decade. As a result, Pakistan accounted for almost 90% of the world's cases. However, there has been improvement in 2015. Cases are down nearly 70% over this same time in 2014.

Progress against polio, while significant, remains fragile. Rotary's funds will support immunization efforts in: \$9.9 million in Nigeria; \$12.2 million in Pakistan and \$2.3 million in Afghanistan.

Additional funds will support efforts to keep other at-risk countries polio-free. The grants include \$1 million, Cameroon: \$900,000, Chad; \$2 million, Democratic Republic of Congo; \$1.1 million, Ethiopia; \$1 million, Niger; \$1.5 million, Somalia; and \$1.5, South Sudan. In addition, grants totaling \$5.8 million will provide surveillance in African and Eastern Mediterranean regions. Grants to Africa alone total \$19 million. In total, Rotary has donated \$688.5 million to support polio eradication efforts in Africa over the past thirty years.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program PolioPlus in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to less than 400 confirmed in 2014.

Rotary's roles within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.4 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.

(From the RI Website)

submitted by Dave Barnard



# **MEETING OF 23 July 2015**

Sgt. David presiding

The proceedings were conducted with difficulty due to a power cut.

#### **Attendance**

16 members plus makeups was 80%

## **Fellowship Announcements**

Are had developed bronchitis.

Hugh was on the high seas.

#### **Slots**

**Justin** reported that 8 assistants would be needed at the Interact Conference (15 August, SACS), 7h30 – 10h30, and assistance with lunch trays at 11h00. He further reported that 15 more tables needed to be filled for the guiz (17 August) to enable us to have exclusive use of Tangos.

**Keela** reminded us of next week's Christmas in July social and to bring a present to the max. value of R60.

**Alan** advised that there was lots of room at the Rotaract Conference and that bookings were about to close. Bookings for the Renosterveld weekend away would close at the end of July. He would circulate an e-mail in this regard.

Biffy requested suggestions for who could find use of 4 wheelchairs, Stephen B and Francois to assist.

## **Jackpot**

**Keela** drew **John's** name, who failed hopelessly, but somehow managed to draw her name for the attendance prize. The jackpot now stands at R1095.

# President's spot

**Stephen** reminded us of future events, mainly that DG Geraldine Nicol will be paying her visit to our club – only – on 13 August, thanked **Justin** and **Alan** for the work they had put into the conferences, the visit by Dr.Melvin Moodley, CEO of Victoria Hospital on 20 August and a project site on 27 August.

QUOTE: Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose. Lyndon B. Johnson

# **Guest Speaker**

**Bruce** introduced Johnny Hanley (and Mary attending her last meeting) who has a degree in Social Justice and spoke on ethics of permaculture, a system designed for the production of more food and using resources to best advantage, whilst looking after the interests of farmers. The introduction of ladybirds to aphid prone crops, planting of crops locally instead of shipping in were typical strategies. **Dennis** expressed the club's thanks to the speaker.

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## **GOING FORWARD**

# **Duty Roster**

		AUGUST		
	6 (Business)	13	20	27
Sergeant	van Eeden	Hovstad	Murphy	Overbosch
Wynpress Editorial	Danckwerts	Dietrich	Gavin	Gowdy
Minutes for Wynpress	Cleveland	Cleveland	Howard	Smith
Door Duty	Dietrich	Gowdy	Howard	Jackson
Grace	Todd	van Niekerk S	van Wyk	Vivian
Loyal Toast	Klotz- Gleave	Lidgley	Munday	Murphy
International Toast	Jackson	James	Klotz- Gleave	Lidgley
Speaker Introduction	N/A	Danckwerts	Dessington	Dietrich
Speaker Thanks	N/A	van Eeden	van Niekerk (K)	van Wyk
Find Speakers	Bredenkamp, Cleveland, Munday, Howard, van Eeden			

## **Programme:**

Thur Jul 30 Social: Christmas in July: Partners & Friends welcome ( Keela) Sat Aug 1 Rotaract Conference (July 31 – Aug 2): Misverstand: ( Alan)

Thur Aug 6 Business Meeting

Thur Aug 13 Normal meeting: DG Geraldine Nicol visit Sat Aug 15: Interact Conference: SACS : ( Justin)

Thur Aug 20 Normal meeting : tbc Thur Aug 27 Normal meeting : tbc

Sat Sep 12 Social / weekend visit to Renosterveld: ( Alan)

Thur Sep 17 Quiz Evening @ Tangos! (Justin)

Wed - Fri 7-9 Oct: Rotary Family Health Days

Sat Oct 24 District Mini-conference - Worcester

See the WRC <u>calendar</u> (http://wynbergrotary.org.za/calendar/) for full details.

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#### **TAILPIECE**

#### **PARAPROSDOKIANS**

Figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

- 1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- 3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- 4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- 5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- 6. War does not determine who is right only who is left.
- 7. Knowledge knows a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- 8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- 9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- 10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
- 11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy. (Winston didn't live to see a Wal-mart)
- 12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- 13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- 14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- 15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- 16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- 17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

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"I want to be a millionaire. Just like my dad!"

"Wow, your dad's a millionaire?"

"No, but he always wanted to be."

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