



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

Here is a summary of an article from the Rotary International Newsroom. The headline is "Eradication now hinges on more commitment from polio-endemic nations".

The success of the effort to rid the world of polio now depends largely on "political will" in the four remaining polio-endemic countries according to the Advisory Committee on Polio Eradication (ACPE). Those countries are Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan and have all reported new cases of polio this year. Each of these countries presents its own problem but progress is being made. We now have a better vaccine, better community acceptance and funding. There are signs that the political will is there. Here are two examples: Afghan President Hamid Kharzi has moved polio immunization directly under his office. Saudi Arabia now requires proof of polio immunization for Muslims traveling to Mecca for this year's pilgrimage.

While it has been a long hard struggle, there is hope

Clint's Corner

We are now more than two thirds of the way to 100% participation in this year's Rotary Foundation campaign. Over 90 of our members have written their checks to the Foundation. HAVE YOU? If not... why not? We want to get the campaign buttoned up in November. That is a lofty goal and requires the help of each one of you. Remember, it is not how much you give but that you did give something so that we can achieve the objective.

Fables, Foibles and Fun

Fred Mednick reported that "Dancing without Borders" was a great success, and the conference resulting from the effort will indeed, be a reality. He thanked the club for its support.

Dave Lindstrom bragged that his wife chaired a very successful auction at MIHS.

Duane Matthews, Mike Galvin and Pete Mayer all ponied up dollars for the kitty based on the results of the Apple Cup. For you Marines out there...the Huskies won!

Trina Westerlund received a call from a lady who had observed some very fine treatment of one of the school's troubled students. The lady is furnishing lunch for Trina's entire staff of 45 people. What an angel!

David Weed is starting up a water polo club. He asked if some lawyer in the club could help with the paperwork of incorporation.

Mak Abulhoshn told of the passing of his father recently. A "bootstrap" story if you ever heard one.

Chuck Hansing (of wine producing fame) fined Bruce Peters for misrepresentation in claiming that Chuck's wine was auctioned at our meeting for \$500, while presenting it to Neil Thomson. Shame on Bruce!

In Our District

Nothing new from the District, but we recently submitted a list of our own projects to them. For those of you who did not see the list, here it is: Akola Water Project, Multicultural Scholars, Mercer Island Rotary half marathon, two wheel chair projects, Computers for schools in Uganda, ESL classes, 4 way test in schools, Meals on Wheels and Rotary Park.

Upcoming Programs

Nov. 28 – Business Emergency Preparedness – Christine Kenyon

Dec. 5 – Soulumination – Lynnette Johnson

Dec. 12 – Literacy Project in Ethiopia – Davie Weaver,

University Rotary Club. Dec. 19 – Mercer Island

Commercial Building – James Casson, Dollar Development.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 24 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing begins.

Nov. 26 – Polio Immunization Day in India

Dec. 2 – Rotary Park Work Party, 9am-1pm

Dec. 8 – Rotary Holiday Party – Cong. Church of MI – 6:00 pm.

Milestones Birthdays

Nov. 22- Bonnie Weyhing

Nov. 24- John Gillespie & Vern Leck

Nov. 26- Steve Litzow

Nov. 28- Dale Dunning



In Our Club

Guests were: Roger McGee, Paul Booth, Lee Voorhees & Chuck (?)

Bruce McAuley reported that Neil Thomson, Judy Clibborn, Bob Lewis, Janie Stewart, Chuck Hansing, Winnie Mann-Hill and John Matthews, and of course. Bruce himself, worked at Rotary 1st Harvest on November 11th. They helped package 9,166 lbs. of frozen corn and 14, 271 lbs. of a variety of canned goods.

Elizabeth Baska reports that the list of sponsors for Run Day is growing. So far, they include: Swedish Cancer Institute, Seattle Cancer Care, Virginia Mason, Group Health, Mercer Island Foot and Ankle, Farmer's Insurance, Countrywide Home Loans, Beecher's Handmade Cheese, Talking Rain, Sunrise Assisted Living, City of MI, GYRIG and Semaphore Corp. Interested in becoming a sponsor? Call Elizabeth at (206) 459-2854.

The MIHS Interact Club is arranging a shopping spree for needy youth, to help them buy coats and shoes, among other types of clothes. They seek \$125 per person for the spree. Also, the Interact Club is raising money to buy school supplies for those who cannot afford them. They asked for donations.

Keith Blue reminded us of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing program we undertake each year. Many shift slots are still open, even for the first Saturday, which is November 25th. Sign up and fill those slots. It is fun to talk with a fellow member for two hours.

Pres John called our attention to Claude Layman's Apple Sales project for Eastern Washington students. \$40 will buy a box of 16 apples for the benefit of the students. Vyvienne Stumbles is asking us to buy calendars to benefit Zimbabwe kids. \$10 per calendar will do much good.

Pat Turner gave us an update on the status of our Annual Fund Drive. 109 members have contributed. We have 133 members, so we have a bit to go, but it looks good.

Fred May's sister passed away recently. Nancy Prescott is hanging in there, but still cannot eat solid food. Clint lost his brother a few days ago, on top of all his other problems.

Jim Buckley attended Dick Ralston's memorial service last Tuesday and gave us an emotional description.

David Witus displayed the cards being sent out to potential participants in Run Day. Good work.

Application for Membership has been received from Paul Booth, in the classification, Residential Remodeling Design. Paul and spouse Melinda (a long time member) live on Mercer Island. Melinda Booth is Paul's sponsor.

Application for Membership has been received from Winnie Mann-Hall in the classification, Travel Medicine. Winnie and spouse Carter Hall are Mercer Island residents. Patricia Darling is Winnie's sponsor.

Member Profile

Dean Matthews (22 years of service)



Dean was born in Dodge City, Kansas and raised 60 miles South in Ashland, KS, where he attended Ashland High. He received a BS degree from the University of Kansas in Architectural Engineering. He is a Professional and Registered Engineer. Dean formed Matthews Associates, Inc., a consulting firm which provides marketing services to building product manufacturers and trade associations of building product manufacturers. Wife Lynn is a partner in the firm. Their son, Mark and his wife live on Mercer Island and have three children in college. Daughter Marcia lives in Pt. Orchard. She and her husband have three children. Daughter Carole lives in Bellevue with Rudy and two children plus three stepchildren. Stepson Rudy lives in Seattle and stepdaughter Camille lives in Minneapolis. Dean's favorite club service is Run Day, which produces the largest dollar benefit. He also is active in church functions and Habitat for Humanity. Hobbies include wood-working, golf, snow and water skiing, singing. These are essentially the same hobbies he had when he joined Rotary. His reading is largely confined to trade

publications at present.

He does not remember his classification talk. His favorite makeup was in Hawaii, because he meets so many others also making up for missed meetings.

Today's Program

Cyndy Simms introduced Flo Ceteznick. Flo, in turn, introduced two young ladies who spoke for a group of 20 students from Rainier Beach High School and MI High School, organized to make a trip to Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. They visited various sites associated with the anti-discrimination fight by African-Americans. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Medger Evers were two of the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Union. Their memorials and locations of famous confrontations were visited to reinforce the 3 weeks of classes held to prepare the kids for what they would see. We were given brief talks on their impressions, followed by a Q&A period. This was a great experience for the youths, who, before the classes and trip, did not know each other. The two young ladies, plus Holly Hancock, whom I knew, did a great job of explaining what they saw and felt during and after the trip. The names of the rest of the group will be in the Dawn next week.

Story of the Week

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!" Bubba replied, "Did you see who it was?" The young man answered, "I couldn't tell who it was, but I did get the license number."

Notable Quote

"By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." ... (Socrates)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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