

Upcoming Programs

October 4th
Pat Driscoll,
Girls Inc.

October 18
Jim Cowdell

October 25
Chief of Police
John Suslak

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

American Red Cross Helps Those In Need

Our Club Is Growing

Additional New Members Are Currently Being Proposed!



Our Presentation

Thursday was by Bill Quinlan, a volunteer with the American Red Cross who explained the many facets of the organization to an interested audience. He was joined by Marjorie Hartnet from



their regional office who supplied informative materials to our audience.



Bill is a volunteer and pointed out that there are thousands of volunteers throughout the world assisting those that need help. Additional volunteers are always welcomed after a disaster or in their communities to assist those who might not be able to help themselves!

Marjorie and Bill received thank-you Rotary banners from our club - and Marjorie drew a lucky ticket from our basket for a Red Cross Safety Kit which was won by **Ron Johanson!**

Our Pot

seems to attract our traditional lucky winners! This week Joyce Elliott and Rich Cuffe had the opportunity to find the Joker - Gene had Joyce's ticket - neither won however!

President Mark

warmly welcomed Cindy Steger-Wilson back to our midst (alone!) and gave a giant "welcome back!" to a blushing Ron Johanson, too! Also back safe-and-sound was Bob Dugas who was very happy to be back on American soil again!

Bill Simpson led the singing of "Happy Birthday" to a few of our September birthday members present! Bill knew the words AND the melody, too!

Members in the News

Secretary Bob Hastings had his picture in the Daily Item Thursday as he was elected as the new president of the Lynn Business Education Foundation.

The Lynn Business Education Foundation is an independent entity founded by former school administrator Frederick Cole, which helps create a foundation for schools and businesses in the city to collaborate in education.



ITEM PHOTO / REBA M. SALDANHA
Outgoing Lynn Business Education Foundation president Jack Greeley sits in the chair he was given by the group and is flanked by Lynn teachers union president Alice Gunning, incoming president Robert A. Hastings and Lynn School Superintendent Nick Kostan.

Kostan spoke about the successful start of all-day kindergarten programs, and the new pre-K program recently opened in Curwin Circle, along with the smooth opening of schools such as the Marshall Middle School and Classical High School.

Congratulations, Bob!!

Obie Barker made a presentation to Arnold Worldwide, an international advertising conglomerate this past week in Boston - he would not admit to telling his pine cones story but then, if you know Obie you cannot help but wonder!

Our Sergeant-At-Arms

got very busy and donated \$10 to celebrate his new office and tried to be very helpful to Bob Dugas by allowing him to pay his fine in Euros!

In addition to specific \$2 taps there was a baseball trivia question for all of us: **Who stole home 8 times in a single season?**

Bob Kennedy answered: Ty Cobb which was correct! The rest of us had to pay \$2!!



Now, polio drops a must for Haj pilgrims

The Saudi Arabia Government has made it mandatory for the Haj pilgrims to undergo polio immunization to get their visas cleared for Haj.

Saudi Arabia Ambassador to India, Saleh Mohd-al-Ghamdi, in a letter (dated August 30) to Haj Committee of India had asked the officials to ensure that pilgrims have taken polio drops and also had a certificate to authenticate the same.

“Knowing well that polio vaccine will be mandatory for Haj pilgrims from this year, we have already conducted a meeting with the officials of World Health Organisation (WHO) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in July. We have chalked out a plan to discuss its implementation,” said Chairman of All India Haj Committee Mohd Owais from Mumbai.

Owais added that directions to administer polio drops to all pilgrims were issued last year, but it was too late to execute the procedure. But this year, it is a must condition for getting visas. He also said that the message has been forwarded to all state Haj Committees on August 31.

The Uttar Pradesh State Haj Committee today published an advertisement in this regard. “We are following the directives of the Haj Committee of India,” said state secretary of Haj Committee, Laeeq Ahmad. He said that letters have been sent to chief medical officers of all districts to ensure that all Hajis are given the polio drops. The flights for Haj are scheduled to start from November 11 and as per the Saudi Government letter, the vaccine should be given six weeks before that.

Commenting on the Saudi Government move, WHO District Surveillance Officer Ashok Shukla said that though adults have a developed immune system, these drops do help in immunological building. “The vaccine does improve the gut cells and strengthen the immune system to fight with local viruses,” Shukla said.

Rotary International, and its partners, WHO, CDC, and UNICEF continue their campaign to eradicate polio in every corner of the world. The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Partners Task Force, headed by Past RI President Chuck Keller and Past Vice President Lou Piconi, promotes and supports Rotary club and district participation in PolioPlus Partners activities.



TODAY'S BULLETIN FROM THE TIMES OF INDIA

MOBARAKPUR (SAHARSA): Sept 27 (Sept 28 in India)

A rumor in the form of a four-page document originating from Hyderabad, has stormed this sleepy village under Salkhua block of the district and impeded the government's polio eradication program in a big way.

A large number of people in this village are still refusing to administer polio drops to their children. If the CDPO (Child Development Project Officer) of Salkhua block, Ban-

dana Pandey, is to be believed, she had to face at least 74 refusal cases in this village.

The villagers, particularly women-folk, fear disastrous ill-effects of the drug on their minor sons and daughters under the spell of the printed material in Urdu (a photocopy of which is available with TOI).

The WHO, UNICEF and the Bihar government's health department authorities had to face rough weather at the inaugural function of week-long campaign (from September 9 to 15) held in the madras here recently, when the local people from minority community raised the issue and angrily asked the authorities to explain why such canards (if at all they are baseless) had not been contradicted by the government.

Smelling a rat, organisers brought Dr Abul Kalam, a reputed orthopaedic surgeon from Saharsa to convince the people of the minority community about the consequences of their refusal.

Kalam referred to different hospitals run by Khanka Rehmani, Munger, and Imarat-e-Sharia, Phulwarisharif, where doctors run the polio vaccination programme.

He exhorted people from the minority community to come forward to administer polio drops to their children. The World Health Organisation (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) authorities concerned had selected this remote, flood-ravaged village for the inauguration of the polio eradication campaign as recently three polio cases have been detected from this village.

Five cases of polio have been detected in Saharsa, seven in Madhepura and one in Supaul district. Incidentally, all blocks from where these cases were reported have been ravaged by Kosi floods.

Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

26 September 2007
Data as at 25 September 2007

Map of polio cases worldwide | Wild poliovirus list 2000-2007
Monthly situation reports Information by country

Total cases	Year-to-date 2007	Year-to-date 2006	Total in 2006
Globally	519	1306	1997
- in endemic countries:	454	1205	1869
- in non-endemic countries:	65	101	128

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

October 4 - Art Horgan & Jim Harris
October 11 - Bob Hastings & Maria Bazzi
October 18 - Obie Barker & Rich Cuffe

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!