



# The Spoke



June 21th, 2017

## **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**

The historic pledges of new funds at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. **Just five cases** have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.



Bill Gates extends 2 to 1 match for three years.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be **one of the world's greatest achievements.**

"Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Everyday I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

Rotary International President John F. Germ announced that **Rotary would increase its commitment** and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985.

"Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd of nearly 24,000 that, starting in July, his foundation **will extend** its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, **which will add up to \$450 million to the fight.**

The new funding will go toward polio eradication efforts such as disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the **vaccination of more than 400 million children annually.**

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## **Last Week Meeting ..50**

ding...DING. Next President **Jon McCleod** was in charge. **Ray Faubion** presented the invocation; **Roger Brunswick** led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Don Manley**, "I can't quite see it", got most of the Four Way Test.

The very versatile **Roger Brunswick** filled in as Song Leader for *On Top of Old Smokey*.

### **Notes**

Treasurer **Bob Lombardo** said there were some unpaid dues from the April 1st quarter. He announced a one-week suspension of the late penalty so please pay up now before the penalty is applied.

**Mark McCaw** announced that the next Saturday Golf would be on June 24th. Contact Mark if you are interested.

### **Roger Brunswick Time**

Sergeant-at-arms Roger Brunswick greeted the "small but mighty crowd."

**Rex Sims** reported celebrating his 68th wedding anniversary.

After some prompting, Roger organized an up-tempo Happy Birthday for **Jay Berube**.

### **In Memoriam**

Rex Sims reported the passing of **Bob Mantle**. Bob moved to Florida in 1973 and established and owned Bonita Rent-All and Sales until his retirement. He was a past president of the Bonita Springs

Chamber of Commerce and a long-time member of the Rotary Club.

### **The littlest Faubion**



Roger introduced **Juliana Marie Faubion**, Ray and Jeanne's youngest grandchild from Hollywood, CA.

## Last Week Program



**Vince Modarelli** introduced our speaker **Dave Grossi**. Dave is a retired police lieutenant from up-state New York now residing in southwest Florida.

A graduate of the State University of New York, he has served as a patrol officer, undercover narcotics investigator, detective, sergeant, and lieutenant.

He has personally trained over 165,000 police officers/special agents from all 50 states and 13 foreign countries in the use of force, deadly force, edged weapons defense, baton, chemical agents, perceptual distortions in high stress situations, pursuits and general police arrest procedures.

## Hope Hospice VALOR program

Dave's principal purpose today was to tell us about the Hope Hospice VALOR program. This is a unique opportunity to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice at the end of life. These brave men and women have special needs when facing life's final chapter. The **V**eteran's **A**ccess to **L**ife **O**pportunities and **R**esources (VALOR) program provides comfort and peace at this time.

"It has been an honor to be part of the program." He described the ceremony and the items presented to the veterans and their families. Each ceremony is conducted by a three person **Hope Honor Guard** team. Team members have national background checks, have references checked, and receive initial and periodic training. In 2016, 300 ceremonies were performed.



There are opportunities for veterans and non-veterans to become part of the Hope Honor Guard team.

## **On the OJ trial**

Jon got the meeting started early so there was time for Dave to comment on the OJ Simpson trial. He was a consultant to the prosecution although he did not testify.

Dave questioned the venue chosen by the District Attorney, suggesting that a trial in Santa Monica might have been better for the prosecution. He also noted that the department's best prosecution teams were already involved in high profile cases so it was the "C" team that was responsible for this trial.

Did OJ do it? "OJ probably did it. The DNA and forensic evidence was overwhelming."

## **On the FBI**

"I knew Bob Mueller. He's a real straight shooter."

Dave said he had never met James Comey. His former FBI buddies were "not really fond" of the changes that the Bureau made after Comey was appointed Director. Some agents have called him a "grandstander". "The Bureau is supposed to perform investigations. However, Comey seemed to have taken on the role of being a prosecutor in addition."

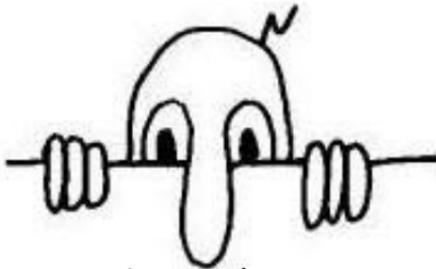
"I don't know Chris Wray. The agents would have preferred Mike Rogers, a former FBI agent to take over."

## **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, June 24th, 3 - 9 pm Summer Solstice Family Beach Bash at Lovers Key State Park Pavilion.

**This Week**

**An Important  
Club Assembly**



50/50 \$2,550

12 Cards Left

Including Ace, Joker

# Frank Liles drew the J♠ for \$5



The 50/50 is \$2,550  
*Birthdays*

**Jim Horein June 20**

**Rotary Sings:  
In the Good Old Summer Time**

In the good old summertime,  
in the good old summertime.  
Strolling through the shady lanes  
with your baby mine.

You hold her hand,  
and she holds yours,  
and that's a very good sign.

That she's your tootsie-wootsie,  
in the good old summertime.

## **This Morning's Invocation**

O God, we pray for all Rotarians throughout the world that their visions and dreams might be realized, that their projects might be successful, and their beneficial influence be felt in high places and low.

Inspire us all to be responsive to needs, to live and act with integrity, to serve with love, that peace might be real and lasting.

Hear now our thanks for food to nourish us, for fellowship to enrich us, for work to engage us, all in accord with Your will to empower us and Your Spirit to guide us.  
Amen.

## **Rotary International President**

**John F. Germ**  
Rotary Club of Chattanooga, TN

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**Ladd Waldo**  
The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch

## **Area 3 Assistant Governor**

**Sally Smith**  
The Rotary Club of Estero

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