



THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE

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APOLOGIES: From Wednesday, September 16 through Sunday September 27, I was totally consumed with preparing and presenting Mountain Harvest Festival. It was a huge success; I am still feeling the love; I am now back to a more or less normal routine. Issues 50 and 51 of this bulletin will be published over the next few day. –Ed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next 5th Thursday evening social will be October 29. Please let President Marsha know if you would like to host this event.

It being football season, the first winner of the football pool was Greg Thompson. There were 12 entries this week. Be sure to include your guess at the Broncos' game scores should there be a need for a tie breaker.

Our Mountain Harvest Festival grape stomp team consists of 4 girls age 8 to 10 from the karate club. They are the Rotary Ninjas.

Nackeda Williams, Kevin and Jackie's "adopted Jamaican daughter", thanked the club for its tremendous support of a local Jamaican school. "You had dreams for us before we had dreams for ourselves. There had to be a team to support us. You were that team." She is graduating from college as a CPA.

PROGRAM: Joy introduced Caren Vongontard, who spoke about biodynamic farming. Caren returned to Colorado after farming in Scotland and Australia. Organic farming training began in 1924. Rudolph Steiner saw that animals and lands were losing fertility, and that seed viability was declining so he taught some Italian farmers a new way to far sustainably. Biodynamic farming is an offshoot of organic farming in which the farm is a closed system. For example, seed is planted, is eaten by animals, whose manure carries and fertilizes the next crop of seeds. Natural additives at homeopathic levels are sprayed on fields. Planting is done by the calendar, taking advantage of the rhythms of the season and the phase of the moon.

Enzo Nastati comes to Paonia periodically, the only place he will lecture in the United States, to give workshops on biodynamic growing, cleaning up pollutants, and related subjects. Recently he has been working in China to get rid of saline and other contaminants in the soil,

Caren related stories of how Enzo cured one of her cows and got her spruce trees to grow faster. As a final note, Caren is starting a raw milk dairy here.



Dear fellow Rotarians:

It is our pleasure to announce Rotary's annual World Polio Day kickoff event on 23 October in New York City. We'll use this occasion to shine a light on Rotary's leadership in the fight that has brought us This Close to ending polio.

The Livestream event, co-sponsored by UNICEF, will bring together our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, government officials, and global health leaders from nongovernmental organizations and will mobilize more than 30,000 supporters.

July and August brought great milestones in the polio eradication effort. For the first time in history, Nigeria -- then all of Africa -- marked one year with no new polio cases caused by the wild virus.

We are closer to making good on our promise to end polio forever, but there's still work to be done. As we protect the progress made in Africa, we focus even more sharply on Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Our World Polio Day kickoff event is our opportunity to update participants around the world on our progress and next steps and inspire them to share their voices, donate, or advocate for eradication as we near the finish line.

We invite you to join us and watch the event live, starting at 18:30 New York time (UTC-4) or later -- a recording will be made available. We also ask you to raise awareness of our polio eradication effort in your own community and build a local audience for our World Polio Day event. Visit the End Polio Now website to download resources that can help you raise awareness and funds. Share this information with your Rotary clubs, districts, communities, and elected officials.

Thirty years ago, we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of polio. Our dream is becoming reality. For every child, on World Polio Day, let's push ahead to the reality of a polio-free world.

Warm regards,

Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran and Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 1 - Mike Heck

October 8 - Barb Heck - Rotary theme

October 15 - Jacquie Gannon

October 22 - Don Foster

[Program directors, please let me know who your program will be. Thanks. - Ed]