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District 5470

Club 1180

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LAST MEETING: September 3, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Marsha announced the upcoming Fall Forum, a one day district conference to be held on October 3 in Telluride. This is an opportunity to learn more about Rotary and the district.

The minutes of each Board meeting will be published on our website after they have been approved by the Board.

Casino Night, our successful fund raiser, will be held on January 30.

For this year's Grape Stomp at Mountain Harvest Festival, the club will sponsor a team of young people from the karate club.

Sharon will replace Marsha on the Scholarship Committee.

Steve Dunkle, the Paonia United Methodist Church minister, paid us a third visit as Peggy's guest. Is it time to talk seriously with him about joining us?

PROGRAM: Marsha asked Assistant Governor, Sam Kevan to introduce District Governor, Bob Delavan. Bob grew up in New Jersey. Graduated from DU in 1967; served in Vietnam. Now manages his own business, Investment Planning Solutions, a retirement planning service. He joined Rotary in 1999, has been club president, an AG and had various responsibilities at the district level, including Membership Chair.

Bob noted his connection with our club through Sarah. We were both AGs at the same time. He served on the District Membership Committee when I was chair. He casually mentioned club members ought to ask me about the night we spent together. To quash any rumors, Bob and I had attended PETS a few years ago. As we had driven over together from Grand Junction to Denver, we would be returning together. A bad snow storm was raging when it came time to leave PETS, so we decided to stay overnight at the Delavan apartment in Denver. He insisted on cooking dinner; I slept in the living room. We drove home the following day. Not much of a story!

He spoke of the International Assembly he and the 534 other DGEs must attend prior to becoming DG. He felt that was the most impactful experience in his preparation to assume the district leadership. He is excited that Vietnam is establishing RCs.

The great power of Rotary is the generosity of spirit of its members. How can we be a better gift to the world? The best gift is to the receiver who does not know who gave it or why and therefore cannot reciprocate. He encouraged the club to look for opportunities to do projects under TRF's 6 areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic

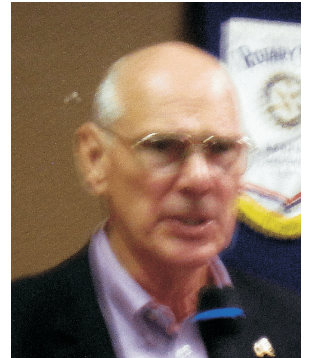
education and literacy; and economic and community development. He also encouraged us to partner with non-Rotarians.

The DG's role is to carry out the District Strategic Goals for 2015-2016 : To support and strengthen clubs, focus on and increase humanitarian service, and enhance public image and awareness. He suggested the District leadership could connect us with resources.

He had 5 requests of us:

- 1) Recruit and retain qualified members; be open and adapt to change when necessary; provide members a reason to be Rotarians.
- 2) Ask every member to consider giving money to TRF. Remind them that their donations enable district and global grants. "Consider giving the equivalent cost of one cup of coffee per week to TRF."
- 3) Tell your Rotary story.
- 4) Create a strategic plan for your club - continuity of leadership, purpose, road map for the future.
- 5) Plan a trip to Grand Junction in June to attend the #Rotary Roundup, a brand new type of Rotary conference.

Finally, what does your community need? Have you consulted with community leaders? Look to create sustainable projects that lead to independence and self respect. "Thank you for all you do."



NIGERIA POLIO FREE FOR ONE YEAR (24 July 2015) — July 24, 2015 marked one year since the last case of polio in Nigeria, the only remaining polio-endemic country in Africa. This achievement – the longest period Nigeria has gone without a case of the paralyzing disease – could signal the world will soon see a polio-free Africa, a significant global health milestone.

When Nigeria and every country in Africa go three years without a case of polio, The World Health Organization (WHO) will certify the region as polio-free. Most recently, WHO declared India and its Southeast Asia region polio-free in 2014.

Experts caution that while today marks a noteworthy milestone, the world cannot take its sights off polio. The next two years will be critical to ensuring Nigeria remains on-track and prevents a resurgence of the disease. The support of donors, governments and partners is needed more than ever to ensure high-quality polio campaigns

Beyond Nigeria, only Pakistan and Afghanistan remain polio-endemic. According to experts, Pakistan will prove the biggest challenge to global eradication efforts, with the country accounting for nearly 90% of the world's cases in 2014. However, there has been recent progress in Pakistan, with the country reporting a nearly 70% reduction in cases in the first half of 2015 compared to the same time in 2014.

Rotary has been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio since 1985, when it launched the first global initiative to immunize the world's children against polio: its flagship PolioPlus program. The organization has donated more than \$1.4 billion to end polio.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 10 - Bob Lario

September 17 - Ulli Lange

September 24 - Joy Kuhlman

October 1 - Mike Heck



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