

G O D M O R N I N G !

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"Culture is Us!"



Jeff Stankiewicz

**Satellite Communications
Engineer**

Operation Deep Freeze

Jeff began his career at the University of Kansas where he received a B.S. in Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems. He was a Distinguished Graduate from the ROTC program and received a commission into the US Air Force. As a 2Lt, Jeff served as a Nuclear Launch Officer on strategic alert at Grand Forks AFB, ND. He moved on to become the Chief of Orbital Operations for the Milstar satellite constellation with the 4th Space Operations Squadron at Schriever AFB in Colorado. In this capacity, Jeff managed the repositioning of a spacecraft to a new operating position in the Pacific Theater. He also provided guidance on geosynchronous satellite slot allocation to the Joint Chiefs, the State Department and the United Nations. He has worked in the commercial space industry for Digital Globe, a company that provides satellite imagery to Google Maps. His recent career selection took him to the remote location of Antarctica where he managed a facility responsible for providing off-continent communication for the National Science Foundation. Jeff has lived on 4 continents and traveled on all 7. He is a Florida Ironman finisher and currently lives in Golden, CO where he spends his time river kayaking and skiing.

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The "Wizdumb" Table

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January is Rotary Awareness Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	90	83.64%	
Makeups:	2		
Visiting Rotarians:	6	Winter Pigeons:	5
Guests of Members:	8	Student Guests:	1

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Marianne Kearns - PACE Center for Girls

Last Meeting: Jeffrey Schmid - Conservancy of SW Florida

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Hugh Hayes	Jan. 19	63
Bob Lashenka	Jan. 14	69
Tom Sansbury	Jan. 15	68

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Mike Welsh	Jan. 18	36

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Marc Williams	Jan. 16	14

Distinguished Rotarians

Rotarian	Honored
Doug Baird	Sept. 30, 2010
Heather Milner	Apr. 23, 2009
Keith Geiman	Jan. 8, 2009
Lois Kluberdanz	Jun. 5, 2008



Rotarian of the Year 2011

John Clapper



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The beat goes on to end polio

River Cities Jazz, a 19-piece band based in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, USA, toured the United Kingdom, France, and Switzerland in late June and early July 2010, performing nine concerts that raised about \$20,000 for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.



River Cities Jazz performs at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, during the band's tour in support of polio eradication.

"In addition to raising money for polio eradication, this tour was the first time that the band has performed internationally, [including] the Montreux Jazz Festival, one of the premier jazz festivals in the world," says band leader Mitch Biba, who plays trumpet and flugelhorn and is a member of the Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids.

By staying in Rotarians' homes, band members got a true taste of other cultures and formed new friendships, he adds.

The only Rotarian in the band, Biba says he got the idea for a jazz tour to benefit PolioPlus while leading a District 6250 Group Study Exchange team to the Philippines in 2009.

"I met Les Wilson [Rotary Club of Maghull & Aughton, England], team leader for a District 1180 GSE in the Philippines at the same time. One of our discussions included his district's fundraising dance for polio eradication," Biba says.

During the discussion, they decided to "make this crazy idea a full-fledged tour."

Biba is hopeful the band will raise an additional \$15,000 for the challenge.

Trustee chair Message

Awareness is an important part of The Rotary Foundation's work. It is important that members are aware of The Rotary Foundation Goals 2010-11: polio eradication; the Future Vision Plan; Every Rotarian, Every Year; and the Permanent Fund.

We must also be aware of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative in support of our Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution and our USD 200 Million Challenge.



Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair

It is important to know that we are 1.2 million Rotarians in approximately 200 countries or geographical regions. Also that we are divided in geographical zones, each of which has one or more regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, and Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators. Furthermore, that The Rotary Foundation finances are totally separate from those of Rotary International and that The Rotary Foundation has its own board of 15 Trustees, headed by a trustee chair. And there are seven regional offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. Together with the headquarters in the United States, they are available to serve not only Rotary International but also The Rotary Foundation.

Another part of The Rotary Foundation awareness is the sharing of information outside our organization. We are a group of leaders with a superb network. It is time for us to let the world know about all good things that we have accomplished over so many years. Rotarians have the opportunity to create – and must create – awareness regarding world problems and how they can be solved by Building Communities – Bridging Continents through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair

Upcoming Rotary Events

Friday, February 4th - Rotary After 5
John And Brigid Clapper's Home
(40 3rd Ave S, Naples FL 34102)