

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, December 23, 2010

"Culture is Us!"



Heather Milner President Club Assembly

A club assembly is a meeting of all the members held for the purpose of conferring on the program and activities of the club or for membership education. The topic of today's assembly will be President Heather's Goals.

Heather was born and raised in Northern Iowa. In 1998 she graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Structural Engineering. Right after graduation, she went to work as a project engineer for the family construction company. In 2000, she moved to Naples to head up a construction company they had acquired and in 2002 earned her Florida Certified General Contractor's License.

Heather has been a member of the Naples North Rotary Club since 2004. She served as Membership Director for 4 years before being asked to become the President-Elect and is now honored to be serving as President.

Heather is married to Michael Milner and they have a 2 year old daughter named Reese.

Happy Holidays

December is Family Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	89	74.31%		
Makeups:	2			
Visiting Rotarians:	3		Winter Pigeons:	5
Guests of Members:	8		Student Guests:	2

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: No Meeting - *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

Last Meeting: Barron Collier Chorus,
Toy Drive for Grace Place



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Marilyn Duhigg	Jan. 4	76
Matt Moraski	Dec. 23	34

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Ron Miller	Dec. 31	8
Ray Rheault	Dec. 28	57
Ted Soliday	Dec. 28	42
Larry Weidner	Dec. 29	43

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Chuck Vitale	Jan. 2	16



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 2010

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Immunization campaigns move ahead in Congo Republic

Rotarians in the Republic of the Congo are stepping up their efforts to help stop the recent outbreak of wild poliovirus in their country.

The national PolioPlus committee has produced more than US\$100,000 worth of posters, pamphlets, banners, T-shirts, and other materials to help mobilize public support for eradicating the disease.

At least 179 people have died in the outbreak, with 476 cases of acute flaccid paralysis

(AFP) reported as of 7 December. Most of the cases involve young people between ages 15 and 29 and have occurred in the city of Pointe-Noire. To date, 12 of the AFP cases have been confirmed as polio.

Georges Moyon, the nation's health minister, says the Rotarians' support was well targeted and timely. "All you have offered, Pointe-Noire has lacked," he says. "The weakness is a lack of social mobilization."

Rotary International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative -- the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention -- are responding strategically to the outbreak. Rotary has provided a total of \$500,000 in emergency grants to WHO and UNICEF for immediate polio immunization efforts throughout the country.

The outbreak is due to imported poliovirus that is related to the virus circulating in Angola. The Congo Republic recorded its last case of indigenous polio in 2000, and urgent action is required by government and partner agencies to again make the country polio-free.

"Polio outbreaks highlight our global vulnerability to infectious disease," says Dr. Robert Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "It reinforces the fact that polio 'control' is not an option, and only successful eradication will stop the disease."

The Congo Republic carried out National Immunization Days (NIDs) in November and early December, and NIDs are scheduled again for 11 January.

"Every man, every woman, every child will be immunized irrespective of their past immunization status,"



Denis Sassou Nguesso, president of the Republic of the Congo, receives oral polio vaccine to demonstrate his support for National Immunization Days in November and the drive to end the disease in his country. The nation's top ministers were also immunized.



says Dr. Luis Sambo, WHO regional director for Africa. "This way we can be assured that everybody is reached, including young adults, whose immunity may be low."

Outbreaks of imported polio cases are not uncommon during eradication efforts, underscoring the critical need to stop transmission of the virus in the remaining polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

"Our experience shows that where polio transmission has been stopped before, it can be stopped again," Scott says. "A fast, large-scale, high-quality immunization response using the new tools at hand, along with strong surveillance, is absolutely critical."

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