

G O D M O R N I N G !

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“Culture is Us!”



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*Executive Director
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Kathryn Leib Hunter is a third generation Floridian from Coral Gables Florida. After attending Clemson University she began her career at the Child Protection Team, then founded our local Guardian Ad Litem Program. She has been the Executive Director of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness here in Collier County for 15 years. NAMI reaches more than 14,000 people annually.

These are the one in four families affected by depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety and panic disorder, and obsessive compulsive disorder.

NAMI provides support, education, and hope to these families. NAMI will be celebrating their 25th birthday party at their tenth annual Walk event to be held on March 24th.

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March is Literacy Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	77	90%		
Makeups:	11			
Visiting Rotarians:	4		Winter Pigeons:	3
Guests of Members:	4		Student Guests:	1

Did you make up? • Attendance for February 77.76%

Guest Speaker

Next Week: Tim Hoover, Group Project Manager, Knee & Hip -- Arthrex, Inc.

Last Meeting: Susan Cera, M.D., Colorectal Surgeon, Physicians Regional Medical Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Dick Baker	March 7	74
Carla Belanger	March 1	41
John Clapper	March 5	67
Mike Moore	March 5	71

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
No members have a wedding anniversary this week.		

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Gene Turner	March 1	34
Art Webb	March 6	26

Distinguished Rotarians

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

Rotarian of the Year 2012

Alex Garland, Jr.



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Rotarians have reason to celebrate as Rotary reaches 107 years

Rotarians have significant reasons to celebrate Rotary's 107th anniversary on 23 February.

Major gains have been made in the fight to eradicate polio, Rotary's top priority. In January, India reached a historic milestone by marking a full year without recording a new case of polio. The country has been an epicenter of the crippling childhood disease.

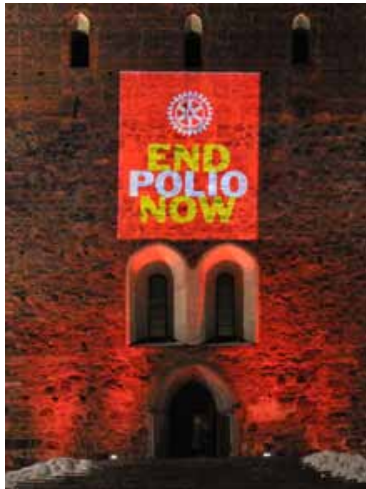
Worldwide, fewer than 650 polio cases were confirmed for 2011, less than half the 1,352 infections reported in 2010. Overall, the annual number of polio cases has plummeted by more than 99 percent since the initiative was launched in 1988, when polio infected about 350,000 children a year. More than 2 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, preventing 5 million cases of paralysis and 250,000 deaths.

Also in January, Rotary leaders announced that Rotary clubs raised more than US\$200 million in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In recognition of Rotary's commitment, the Gates Foundation contributed an additional \$50 million. All of the resulting \$605 million will be spent in support of immunization activities in polio-affected countries.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

End Polio Now lightings

In what has become a Rotary anniversary tradition, Rotary clubs around the world are illuminating iconic structures with the End Polio Now message.



The Turku Cathedral in Finland is illuminated with an End Polio Now message on 2 February during a benefit concert. Rotary clubs around the world are lighting up iconic structures with the End Polio Now message the week of 23 February to celebrate Rotary's anniversary.

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Upcoming Rotary Events

March 10th - Naples Craft Beer Fest
Bayfront



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March 17th - Winter Pigeon Party
at the home of Earl & Thelma Hodges

March 24th - Grapes & Apes
Rotary Club of Naples at the Naples Zoo

March 29th - Meet & Greet the GSE Team
Location TBD



We're havin' a Blood Suckin' on March 29th.



This year, light displays center on Pakistan, where Rotary clubs will illuminate Frere Hall in Karachi and the WAPDA House in Lahore. Other lighting sites include the Tower of London; City Government Building in Taipei, Taiwan; Roppongi Hills Mori Tower, Tokyo's fifth tallest building; Federation Square, one of southern Australia's top tourist draws; and two famous landmarks in Brazil -- the historic Sitio Arqueológico de São Miguel das Missões in Rio Grande do Sul, and the Palácio Garibaldi, a neo-classical architectural treasure in Curitiba.

The lightings "carry Rotary's pledge to end polio," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, a native of India. "But we are not there yet. Rotary and our partners will continue to immunize children until our goal of a polio-free world is achieved."