

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, April 12, 2012

"Culture is Us!"



Leon Mead, M.D.

Orthopaedic Surgeon
"Delaying Joint Surgery"

Dr. Leon Mead is a Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon who has been practicing in Naples, Florida for the last 23 years. He is southwest Florida's only dual Fellowship trained Orthopaedic Surgeon in Joint Replacements and Sports Medicine. He has an inherent interest in Shoulder, Hip and Knee Surgery and has been a pioneer in the exciting realm of Minimally Invasive Joint Replacement surgery and All Arthroscopic Rotator Cuff repairs. He is currently the team physician for Barron Collier High School.

Dr. Mead was the Chairman of the department of Orthopaedic Surgery from 1996-2007 for the NCH Health-care systems. He holds an additional Board Certification in Sports Medicine.

Dr. Mead has talked to our club several times in the past about joint replacements. However, today he will advise us about how to avoid or at least delay joint surgery.

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April is Magazine Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	80	81%		
Makeups:	6			
Visiting Rotarians:	8		Winter Pigeons:	6
Guests of Members:	8		Student Guests:	0

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Myra Williams, Community Liaison, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

Last Meeting: Raymond Phillips, Gastroenterology, "The Status of Flatus"



Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Member</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Age</u>
Jay Cross	April 15	68

<u>Member</u>	<u>Wedding Anv.</u>	<u>Years</u>
No members have a Wedding Anniversary this week.		

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club Anv.</u>	<u>Years</u>
Jim Boughton	April 13	17
Mike Welsh	April 16	25
Don York	April 17	9



Distinguished Rotarians

<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Honored</u>
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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Receiving the gift of sight in Nicaragua

By Amber Recker, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne (Fort Wayne), Indiana, USA.

Walking through the hall of a small clinic in Managua, Nicaragua, I met Stanley.

Stanley had cataracts and had lost all hope of keeping his eyesight. He was slowly slipping into a life of dependency on others. But physicians at the clinic were able to perform a simple procedure on Stanley, and today, he can see.

I visited the clinic in July 2011. People from all over Nicaragua travel to receive free eye-care for medical issues like cataracts, minor eye injuries, and complications from diabetes which are easily treatable in the United States. But because of their poverty and lack of access to medical care, people in Nicaragua lose their eyesight to these treatable issues.

Before Rotary began helping the clinic, it didn't have the supplies needed to perform necessary surgeries. The physicians made do with what they had and were able to help only a handful of patients a day.

Several years ago, Dr. Jonathan Walker from Fort Wayne, Indiana, was introduced to the clinic. He saw the potential for sustainability and a real willingness on the part of the physicians to help people and teach new physicians. He reached out to Rotarians in District 6540 and over the past few years, he and the organization have raised enough money to provide the clinic with diagnostic equipment, surgical tools, sterilization machines, teaching tools and more. Today, the clinic sees over 600 patients a day.

I heard many stories like Stanley's about how things used to be and how they had to cope with what they had. One doctor told us this story: a man came in with something in his eye. The doctor's only choice was to slash it open and ask the patient to lean forward so she could smack him on the back of the head in order to dislodge it. That was the extent of their technology.

Now they can screen, diagnose, treat and perform surgeries at the facility. With the new equipment, they are able to train new doctors and send them into remote villages, reaching people who would have never received the care they need.

My Rotary moment occurred that afternoon in the clinic administrator's office. I am so proud to be a Rotarian. I am forever changed because of the people of Nicaragua who give so much to each other every day.



Stanley received cataract surgery at the clinic in Managua, Nicaragua, supported by Rotarians in Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA.

RI president presents polio medal to Afghanistan president in Kabul

Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee presented a medal to Afghan President Hamid Karzai on 2 April in Kabul, in recognition of Karzai's support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Banerjee is the first RI president to visit Afghanistan. His visit was made possible through the work of Rotary Foundation Trustee Stephen R. Brown and Fary Moini, both members of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA, which has carried out numerous successful educational projects in Jalalabad.

During their 45-minute meeting, Karzai and Banerjee discussed how lessons learned from India's success might be applied in Afghanistan. Banerjee's home country of India was removed from the polio-endemic list in February.

"I encouraged the president to keep up the intensity of the immunization program because, by doing so, they can stop polio as we did in India," Banerjee said. "Once it stops, it stops. You don't know when it will happen, or where the last polio case will be; but one day it will happen if you remain ever vigilant."

Continued support for polio eradication

Karzai vowed his government will continue to support the eradication program and said he personally would help encourage and educate the Afghan public on the importance of reaching all children with the oral polio vaccine.

In discussing strategies, Banerjee said Muslim leaders who supported India's polio immunization campaign could be encouraged to communicate with their Afghan counterparts to explain the importance of immunizations. Indian Rotary members were instrumental in gaining the support of influential clerics to help dispel misconceptions about polio immunizations within some Muslim communities.

Banerjee also said both countries could exchange teams of health workers so that Indian vaccinators can share best-practice approaches and learn more about the challenges facing polio eradication in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is one of only three countries where the wild poliovirus has never been stopped. So far in 2012, Afghanistan has reported five new polio cases out of the 36 recorded globally. The country reported 80 cases in 2011. The other two endemic countries are Nigeria and Pakistan. Polio infections due to cross-border traffic between Afghanistan and Pakistan are a continuing problem, making bi-national cooperation essential. Pakistan has reported 15 cases this year after posting 198 in 2011.