

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, April 19, 2012

"Culture is Us!"



Myra Williams

Community Liaison
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

Her role is outreach in the community at large by providing Hospice information and education programs that dispel Hospice myths, educate on Hospice as a Medicare benefit and help individuals become their own advocates with end of life decisions and issues.

She is the co-chair of the Spirit of 45 and also sits on various nonprofit committees.

Myra has over 14 years in the nonprofit sector as a Director of Development and Major Gifts officer. She has lived in Naples for 23 years.

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April is Magazine Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	84	79%		
Makeups:	4			
Visiting Rotarians:	3		Winter Pigeons:	5
Guests of Members:	4		Student Guests:	3

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Theresa J. Shaw, President/CEO,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County

Last Meeting: Dr. Paul Jones, Vaccines



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Jon Greenfield	April 23	70
Tom Hale	April 23	40

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Linda Bankston	April 21	22

Member	Club Anv.	Years
No members have a Club Anniversary this week.		



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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Why a Rotary Youth Exchange 25 years ago still matters

By Chrysula Winegar, a former Rotary Youth Exchange student to South Africa

When I was 17 years old, Rotary International gave me the opportunity to live in South Africa for 12 months.

My parents and brothers worked seven jobs to pay my way. That year changed everything about my life's path and shaped my world view. It has impacted every major decision I've made since.



Many decades ago, Rotarians began creating these Rotary Youth Exchanges to foster global understanding and respect. A young girl or boy from an average family could spend a year in foreign lands, while in the safe arms of local families who created a framework for exploration.

I observed the last hurrahs of apartheid. We lived under a state of emergency with intense military presence including soldiers on our school buses carrying automatic weapons. The media was under total censorship. But even then, in the pre-internet world, ways were found to share truths.

Much of it didn't make sense to me then. But I took it all in. Twenty-five years later, as a mother, I unlock these observations with a different perspective. My youth exchange experience is a lens through which I examine life's challenges, thanks to Rotary, and my families both here and there.

Around the time I went on my youth exchange, Rotary International was embarking upon its campaign to eradicate polio. I vividly remember those beginnings. I saw the ravages of the disease up close.

We are "this close" to ending polio because people like you created a culture of global thinking for people like me. We are "this close" because you have never given up. We are "this close" because your hearts are big and you were willing to take a multi-generational position. You knew it wouldn't be solved in 5 years or even 10. You knew it would take a truly long view.

And all the while you sent young girls and boys out into the world so we could learn, engage, and be passionate about people from everywhere. It is true, Africa takes a piece of your heart and claims it for her own. It's been 25 years since I breathed African air. I long to return. But I don't need to be there to love that great continent or her many peoples; and to work with them for a better future.

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RI president presents polio medal to Afghanistan president in Kabul

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Gadap Town is one of Karachi's high risk areas for the wild polio virus, and was chosen for the cleanup campaign because environmental samples have tested positive for the virus since 2009. Union Council 4 is the most populous of Gadap Town's eight Union Councils, with a population of 450,000.

RI's Pakistan PolioPlus Committee and Coca-Cola Pakistan are joining forces to build awareness for Rotary's polio eradication campaign and emphasize the importance of polio immunizations nationwide.

Coca-Cola Beverages Pakistan will imprint an awareness message on all Coca-Cola bottle labels in the country, and will upload a Polio ringtone message on their call center answering machine. In addition, the company will provide billboard sites for Polio National Immunization Day messages, and signs to be placed in shops within districts where the wild polio virus has been reported. The company will also provide Coke vans to transport polio vaccines.

On behalf of 1.2 million Rotary members worldwide, including more than 5,100 in Pakistan, I would like to extend my thanks to Coca-Cola Pakistan for its generous support and dedication to ensuring that all children are reached during our national polio immunization campaigns. Working together, we are one step closer to a polio-free Pakistan, and a polio-free world.



Chrysula Winegar is a mother, social media consultant and work life advocate. She is passionate about mothers and their capacity to change the world. She blogs at WORK. LIFE. BALANCE. and When You Wake Up A Mother as well as a regular contributor for Mom-sRising.org, the Huffington Post and BlogHer. She is also community manager for the United Nations Foundation's Million Moms Challenge.