

G O D M O R N I N G !

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"Culture is Us!"



Joyce Crain

CEO

Prescriptions 4 Hope

With more than 40 years of diversified experience in the health care industry, Joyce is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Most recently started two corporations, one hired physicians to do Independent Medical Exams for workers compensation claims. The second repriced all medical bills to fee schedule for the State of Pennsylvania.

These were sold to the University of Pittsburgh upon my retirement. Became involved in SCORE of Naples and this began my involvement in the deficit of health care in Collier County. Served on the steering committee of the Community Foundation for senior care services.

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SOS from the Community Blood Center

Are you part of an organization or business that is looking to do more community relations? How about hosting a blood drive to help local patients in area hospitals? The Community Blood Center REALLY needs more blood drive sites & donors to give the gift of life this summer to offset low supplies. The need for blood never takes a vacation. If you have 15 people willing to give blood, please contact Laura Rosen to arrange a blood drive: laura.rosen@nchmd.org or 239-436-5303. One donation can save 3 lives!

April is Magazine Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	86	79%		
Makeups:	2			
Visiting Rotarians:	3		Winter Pigeons:	3
Guests of Members:	4		Student Guests:	1

Did you make up? • Attendance for April 75.70%

Guest Speaker

Next Week: Debi with Collier County Hunger & Homeless

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Ruth Ruskin	May 4	73

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Jerry Grace	May 9	29
Al Romeo	May 6	27

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Mike Assaad	May 9	16
Earl Hodges	May 8	43
Paul Jones	May 4	12
PJ Obrecht	May 4	12
Lew Parks	May 8	43

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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Pink Jeep delivers prenatal care to rural Haiti

A bright pink Jeep Wrangler, staffed with four midwives, races along uneven, dusty roads to reach more than 50 pregnant women in Darlegrand, a rural town two hours north of Hinche, Haiti.



The Jeep belongs to Midwives for Haiti, a non-profit organization working to ensure that women in remote parts of the country have access to prenatal care and skilled birth attendants. Without the Jeep, many of the women, who have traveled to the day-long February clinic in Darlegrand, would not receive proper medical attention.

The Rotary Club of Western Henrico County, Virginia, USA, along with Bon Secours Health Systems and local individual donors, contributed a total of US\$70,000 to purchase the Jeep, customized for rugged terrain. More than \$20,000 of that amount came from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians around the world are working to reduce maternal mortality rates and improve access to essential medical services for mothers and their children. Maternal and child health is one of Rotary's areas of focus.

More than 340,000 women worldwide die each year from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth, most of them preventable. On 5 May, midwives and their supporters celebrate the International Day of the Midwife -- launched by the International Confederation of Midwives in 1992 -- to raise awareness of their role in reducing maternal and child mortality.

Nadene Brunk, founder and executive director of Midwives for Haiti, says long distances, inadequate transportation, and lack of information on basic prenatal care contribute to Haiti's maternal mortality rate, the highest in the Western Hemisphere. A Haitian woman's lifetime risk of dying in childbirth is 1 in 44.

The off-road vehicle allows the midwives to reach some of Haiti's most remote villages, says Brunk. "I believe Midwives for Haiti can expand so that every woman can have access to a skilled birth attendant."

Why Congress' support for polio eradication means so much to me

By Grant Wilkins, past RI director and member of the Rotary Club of Denver, Colorado, USA.

In 1951, as a young father of three children ages 5, 2, and 3-months (the youngest born prematurely and still in the hospital), I contracted Bulbar Polio.

My throat and vocal cords were paralyzed, and I couldn't talk or swallow. A tracheotomy and intravenous feedings kept me alive for two weeks until the paralysis started letting up.

My wife came to visit me for the first time after those two weeks, and mentioned she wasn't feeling well. A spinal tap found she had the Lumbar Polio virus, and she was immediately admitted to the polio ward. Within 24 hours, she was completely paralyzed from the neck down and could not breathe on her own.

I recovered from the virus within a few months following voice lessons, therapy, etc. But my wife remained in an iron lung for two and a half years. In 1954, a chest respirator was invented that helped her to breathe, and she was allowed to come home. We built a house equipped with a hospital bed and other medical equipment, and hired an around the clock nurse to help care for her.

She never regained any movement, but was able to breathe and talk when her respirator worked. Power failures caused anxious moments many times during the 13 years she lived after contracting polio. Our three children grew up with a mother who couldn't do anything physical for them, but gave them vocal guidance the best that she could. She couldn't hug them, feed them, go to school with them, dress them. They learned how to help with their mother every day, as well as help me with daily chores.

Polio is a horrible and devastating disease which can ruin individual lives and greatly impact the lives of families.

Through Rotary's Polio Plus program launched in 1985, I have been able to be active in a worldwide effort to eradicate this dreaded disease from our planet. It is an historic endeavor and the U.S. Congress has been a leader through contributions of over US\$2 billion to the cause. Rotary International's investment exceeds \$1 billion, with additional funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and many other governments.

Of course, this program would not have been possible without the technical oversight of the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. I am also proud to say that my Denver Rotary Club is among the clubs that have contributed the most toward polio eradication.

Grant Wilkins is a member of Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States, which works to encourage the leadership of the U.S. Government to support polio eradication. This week, Wilkins attended the 2012 reception to recognize Congressional Champions of Polio Eradication held in the U.S. Capitol on 24 April.



Grant Wilkins' first wife, Diane, in an iron lung in the 1950s.