

# G O D M O R N I N G !

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*"Culture is Us!"*



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*Director of Development*

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*Advisory Board*

## Hope for Haiti

Stephanie graduated cum laude with a B.A. in International Studies from American University in Washington, D.C. and went on to complete a Masters Degree in International Peace Studies at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland in 2003. She began her career as the Communications Manager for St. Martin de Porres High School in Waukegan, IL ( a school modeled after Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago) where she executed a communications plan around the school's grand opening in 2004. Next, she worked for three years as the Development Officer for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, the largest provider of civil legal aid in Cook County. In 2009, Stephanie and her husband, Matt, relocated to Naples, FL where she serendipitously found Hope for Haiti. As Hope for Haiti's first Director of Development, Stephanie is charged with garnering financial support for the organization and bringing awareness to its important mission, through service and partnership with the Haitian people.

Originally from Connecticut, Mark relocated to SW FL in 2007 for his current role with Orion Bank and joined IBERIABANK via Acquisition in 2009. Prior to joining Orion Bank, Mark worked in similar roles for Fifth Third Bank in Fort Wayne, IN and Regions Bank in Knoxville, TN.

Mark holds the Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) designation and served 5 years in the 122nd Fighter Wing of the Indiana Air National Guard. Mark serves on the Advisory Board of Hope for Haiti, several Committees and Boards of the Collier Building Industry Association and has been an In-Class volunteer with Junior Achievement for the last 5 years. Mark has prior volunteer experience with the Collier County Economic Development Council, The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, The First Tee of Collier County and The Salvation Army of Lee County. Mark is a graduate of The Leadership Collier Foundation's GAIN class of 2012 and will be a member of the Leadership Collier class of 2013.

## May is New Generations Month

### Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	76	74%		
Makeups:	3			
Visiting Rotarians:	3		Winter Pigeons:	0
Guests of Members:	5		Student Guests:	0

*Did you make up?*

### Guest Speaker

**Next Week:** Michael J. Deeb, the Abraham Lincoln Assassination

**Last Meeting:** Bob Belcastro, IPO's, Market Ramblings and New Issues

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
No members have a Birthday this week.		

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Vivian Duryea-Shea	June 6	25

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Steve Matteau	June 2	1
Al Romeo	June 2	1

### 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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## Polio eradication shifts into emergency mode

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continued transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13.



Although this child in Chad has been immunized against polio, others in the central African nation -- and those everywhere -- remain vulnerable to the disease until it is eradicated worldwide.

The plan aims to boost vaccination coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic

countries -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on 25 May that declared "the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health."

Polio eradication activities have resulted in several landmark successes since 2010. India, long regarded as the nation facing the greatest challenges to eradication, was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO) in February. Outbreaks in previously polio-free countries were nearly all stopped.

During that same time span, however, polio outbreaks in China and West Africa due to importation from Pakistan and Nigeria, respectively, have highlighted the continued threat of resurgence. Failure to eradicate the disease could lead within a decade to paralysis of as many as 200,000 children per year worldwide.

"Polio eradication is at a tipping point between success and failure," says Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of WHO. "We are in emergency mode to tip it towards success -- working faster and better, focusing on the areas where children are most vulnerable."

Eradicating polio would generate net benefits of US\$40-50 billion globally by 2035, with the bulk of savings in the poorest countries, based on investments

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made since the GPEI was formed, savings from reduced treatment costs, and gains in productivity.

"We know polio can be eradicated, and our success in India proves it," says Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. "It is now a question of political and societal will. Do we choose to deliver a polio-free world to future generations, or do we choose to allow 55 cases this year to turn into 200,000 children paralyzed for life, every single year?"

### Working in emergency mode

Since the start of 2012, the GPEI has moved its operations into emergency mode. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has activated its Emergency Operations Center, UNICEF has officially activated an Interdivisional Emergency Coordinating Committee operating directly under the deputy executive director, and WHO has moved its polio operations to its Strategic Health Operations Centre.

Such measures are reserved for responding to global health emergencies, such as the H1N1 pandemic and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami -- and will generate a massive surge in technical capacity, real-time tracking of program performance, and immediate implementation of corrective action plans as necessary. In March, The Rotary Foundation Trustees reaffirmed that polio eradication is the Foundation's urgent priority. In addition, Rotary senior leaders have launched a series of one-on-one meetings with the heads of state of the polio-endemic countries.

"We need everyone's commitment and hard work to eradicate polio and cross the finish line," says Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of CDC. "It won't be easy, but together we can eradicate polio forever and for everyone."

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