

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

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*"Culture is Us!"*



## Chad Washburn

*Director of Conservation  
and Education*

**Naples Botanical Garden**

Chad Washburn is the Director of Conservation and Education at the Naples Botanical Garden, and Past-President of the Naples Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, and completed his Masters Degree in Applied Ecology from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University in 2002. His graduate research resulted in the co-authorship of a book chapter entitled Latitudinal trends in organic carbon accumulation in temperate freshwater peatlands.

Chad has been an active member of the environmental community for nearly two decades. Before joining the Naples Botanical Garden, he maintained a small native nursery and oversaw projects restoring and creating native habitats across Northern Indiana. His combination of botanical and horticultural experiences ranges from the temperate species of the Midwestern United States to the diversity of the subtropics of Central America.

At the Naples Botanical Garden, Chad oversees the development and management of all adult and youth programming, including the Global Gardens at Avalon Elementary School. In addition to his duties as Director Education, he oversees the sustainable management of the Garden's natural resources including nearly 120 acres of conservation easement, lakes, and preserved lands within the Gardens. He regularly speaks across south Florida to diverse audiences on the importance of sustainable practices in landscaping and the importance of including native plants as a part of any landscape. He will be updating us on the successes of the 2011 season at the Global Gardens.

## Attendance Last Meeting

<b>Members Present:</b>	74	80.91%		
<b>Makeups:</b>	15			
<b>Visiting Rotarians:</b>	3		<b>Winter Pigeons:</b>	0
<b>Guests of Members:</b>	2		<b>Student Guests:</b>	0

*Did you make up?*



## Guest Speaker

**Next Week:** Gavel Passing Party - Evening Meeting  
*(see details at right)*

**Last Meeting:** M. Allison Ferraro, School  
Counselor, Collier County Public Schools



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Rosa Ivey	June 23	39
Butch Manley	June 28	70
Fritz Sullivan	June 28	58

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Jack Dick	June 28	36
Earl Hodges	June 26	53
Bill Robinson	June 27	52
Ken Schena	June 25	51
Chuck Vitale	June 27	30

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Mike Boyd	June 29	22
Hugh Hayes	June 24	35
Butch Manley	June 29	33
Hank Schmidt	June 25	19
Bernie Simmonds	June 29	22



## Distinguished Rotarians

Rotarian	Honored
Doug Baird	Sept. 30, 2010
Heather Milner	Apr. 23, 2009
Keith Geiman	Jan. 8, 2009
Lois Kluberanz	Jun. 5, 2008



## Rotarian of the Year 2011

**John Clapper**



**100% Paul Harris Fellows  
or Sustaining Members**



## Time to ramp up the fight against polio

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made significant progress since the launch of its new strategic plan and the bivalent oral polio vaccine last year. In India and Nigeria, the sources of all recent wild poliovirus importations into previously polio-free countries, the disease declined by 95 percent between 2009 and 2010.

A Rotarian immunizes a child in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, India. One of four polio-endemic countries (along with Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan), India has reported only one case of polio in 2011, as of 25 May. Photo by Allison Kwesell

The World Health Organization calls the progress encouraging, "but the job is not yet finished, and we must see this through to the end," said its director-general, Margaret Chan, at the World Health Assembly in May.

In addition to the gains made by India and Nigeria, 15 countries in Africa have stopped outbreaks of the disease that started in 2009, reported the GPEI Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) in April.

The GPEI's leading partner agencies -- the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF -- and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation welcomed the report. They particularly noted the IMB's assessment that polio eradication is "entirely feasible" and "desperately needed," and that countries that are off track in meeting GPEI milestones can be brought back on track with support from national governments, donors, and the spearheading partners.

Among those countries is Pakistan, which launched the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication 2011 with the goal of halting transmission of the disease by the end of the year. Rotarians there are working "to cover every nook and corner of the country," said Aziz Memon, chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee. "We are committed to a polio-free Pakistan."

The report also referred to an estimated US\$665 million funding gap through 2012 as the "single greatest threat to the GPEI's success." To help address the gap, the Gates Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$355 million to Rotary in support of its work. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which will be completed on 30 June 2012; to date, Rotarians have raised \$173.2 million.

"The IMB clearly stated that all member states have decided together to eradicate polio, and that funding the effort should be a shared responsibility," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at a May



*Bill Gates speaking at the International Convention in May.*

*(con't at right)*

## Gavel Passing Party

*Please join President Heather & The Rotary Club of Naples North for a special evening meeting. We will pass the gavel, give awards and install the new board of directors...*

When: Thursday, June 30, 2011

Where: Country Club of Naples

Time: 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 dinner

Cost: No charge for members & their spouse

Other guests - \$30.00

Champagne - Complimentary

All Other Cocktails - Cash Bar



meeting with Margaret Chan, Bill Gates, health ministers from polio-infected countries, and international development agency representatives. "We therefore invite donor governments from around the world to join the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the ongoing commitment by Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide, and rapidly make available flexible funding critically needed to implement all activities of the strategic plan."

The IMB's report concludes that polio eradication is feasible in the near future, but warns that the goal will only be achieved with "heightened attention" at all levels.

"If we fail, the disease will not stay at its current low level," said Bill Gates, speaking at the RI Convention in May. "It will spread back into countries where it has been eliminated, and it will kill and paralyze hundreds of thousands of children who used to be safe."

"We are at a crossroads right now," said Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general of WHO for polio eradication and related areas, at a TED talk in March. "We have a new vaccine, we have new resolve, we have new tactics. We have the chance to write an entirely new polio-free chapter in human history. But if we blink now, we will lose forever the chance to eradicate an ancient disease. End polio now."