

G O D M O R N I N G !

Thursday, August 25, 2011

"Culture is Us!"



Kevin Sweeney
Owner of
ScubAdventures, L.C.

Kevin Sweeney has been teaching diving in Naples since 1974. He has taught thousands of people to dive. His diving experience began in the lakes in Minnesota and he started his diving career in Monterey California and then moved to warm Florida. Kevin opened SCUBAdventures in 1993 and offers the community a wide range of diving activities including snorkeling and SCUBA training for all ages, equipment sales and exotic dive travel.

Kevin has traveled the world to most exotic diving areas including Egypt's Red Sea, Palau Micronesia, Fiji and the many islands of the Caribbean.

Kevin will share his experiences with his many photos taken on his journeys.

Kevin is a friend of Naples North Rotary and has donated a scuba certification course to Naples North for the last 5 years. We have auctioned that course off at our annual Christmas party. He has certified many of our rotary members for scuba diving.



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The "Wizdumb" Table

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TIB Bank for being the lead sponsor
of the All-Star Football Classic in 2010.

August is Membership & Extension Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present: 72
Makeups: -
Visiting Rotarians: - Winter Pigeons: -
Guests of Members: 7 Student Guests: 1

Did you make up?

(Attendance info is abbreviated as John Stanley is on vacation.)



Guest Speaker

Next Week: ??????

Last Meeting: Bob Belcastro, *Vice President/
Financial Advisor, RBC Wealth Management*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

| Member | Birthday | Age |
|--------------|-----------|-----|
| Dave Greider | August 30 | 68 |
| Earl Hodges | August 27 | 84 |
| Larry Ray | August 29 | 68 |

| Member | Wedding Anv. | Years |
|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Bob Lashenka | August 25 | 27 |

| Member | Club Anv. | Years |
|---------------|-----------|-------|
| Jay Cross | August 29 | 15 |
| Larry Harris | August 31 | 16 |
| Claude Haynes | August 31 | 33 |
| Mike Moore | August 31 | 33 |



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**



Hewko responds to *The Economist*

John Hewko, Rotary's general secretary and chief executive officer, recently responded to an article in *The Economist* magazine about the efforts of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) that did not mention Rotary.



John Hewko

The 21 July article, "Late? Or never?", cited the most recent GPEI Independent Monitoring Board report and stated that the goal of stopping polio transmission by 2012 is in jeopardy due to a funding gap and other issues.

Rotary's efforts detailed

In his 6 August letter to the editor, "Keeping polio at bay", Hewko pointed out that Rotary is a "big partner" in the GPEI and has contributed more than US\$1 billion to polio eradication efforts. He noted that India has not had a new case of polio in the past six months. Hewko also stated that Rotary welcomes the Independent Monitoring Board's assessment, and he urged government and private-sector donors to step up to help meet the funding gap.

In a portion of the letter that was edited out by *The Economist*, Hewko wrote: "Rotary's role -- through our network of 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions -- is to raise awareness and the critically needed funds to end this crippling disease once and for all, and that includes donating countless volunteer hours to reach children worldwide with the oral polio vaccine."

BBC quotes Rotary

BBC News ran an online article about the monitoring board's report, "Goal to rid world of polio by end of 2012 'off track'", and approached International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott for comment. "We will work with our members in countries affected by polio to follow the board's recommendation of creating a checklist to enhance the impact of the immunization teams and ensure standardization," Scott said.

A Foundation Thought

Supporting the Foundation.

Your life and mine will be valued not by what we take, but by what we give. ' What an appropriate quote for us Rotarians to live by and open our hearts and pocketbooks to support the works of The Rotary Foundation. Having a healthy foundation is the key to any nonprofit organization involved in the business of service to others, and Rotary is certainly that! We are in the business of giving – giving of our time, our resources, our knowledge, and our love – to make this world free of disease, hunger, poverty, and hopelessness.



At a meeting sponsored by District 3270 (Afghanistan and Pakistan) in Karachi in 2010, ulema (Muslim scholars trained in Islamic law) learn about the urgent need to eradicate polio. Photo courtesy of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee



**We're havin' a
Blood Suckin'
on September 8th**