



## PolioPlus – R. Lee Harmon, MD

PolioPlus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, PolioPlus and its role in the initiative are recognized worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal.

Today, PolioPlus Chairman for the South Whidbey Island, WA Rotary Club, Dr. R. Lee Harmon will update us on the program's progress, our partnership with the Gates Foundation and the many other activities related to PolioPlus.

Dr. Harman is a 24-year member of Rotary, Centennial President for his club (2004-05) and he is Assistant District Governor for District 5050 in Washington State.

Dr. Harmon is an Ophthalmologist and founder of the Harmon Eye Clinic. He is an avid runner, motorcyclist and pilot.

### Blathering from our Gathering (Astute observations from last weeks meeting)

By Reed Mitchell

**His Royal Coolness** did us proud with a resounding bell ringing that could be heard throughout the room. Everyone came to abrupt attention and gave our **fearless leader** all the attention he deserved. **Mike Blackburn** had to be shushed but eventually he quieted down with the rest of us. The pledge was inspiring and for some odd and unknown reason the King passed up the opportunity to embarrass three (count em) three recent inductees and pass off three \$1.95 CDs for \$15 bucks each; you're slipping King David. Then, even another newbie was added to the roster after only a seven month wait. **Mike Blackburn** introduced him in his usual caustic, delirious style. We think **Jerry Newman** will make a good Rotarian, he talks a lot.

Then **President Joe** had to come up with a 10-minute segue after calling the kitchen staff to be thanked for the improved menu the club's enjoyed these past few months. A lot of uncharacteristic stammering and stumbling went on because most of the kitchen help ran home after serving us, there's got to be a reason for this mass exodus, maybe its Blackburn again.

#### Happy Bucks:

- **Reed Mitchell** (me) offered \$14 Happy Bucks for the \$1,400 Calendar order by Walgreen's, Hurray!!
- **Dennis (Muffin) Baker** talked about selling out all the Masquerade tickets and got confused about how to pronounce Motorcycle, He pointed out the Scooter raffle is in full swing and a chance is only \$10. **Buy a Masquerade ticket to donate to the Rotaractors**, those kids are making a difference.
- **Carol Skubic** is happy she returned from Minnesota and her family reunion, it rained every day
- **Nancy (NASCAR Bubba) Hill** was \$10. happy & sad she has to wait till February for the next race.
- **Dennis Pretti** returned **Max Krey's** Kansas tour guide and spoke of "Big Ed's" in Bird City, "gourmet cuisine in the flatland." Stuff like Prairie Chicken or Side of Cow -- Yummy!
- **Lynn Lickers** had \$10 biggies for the Rocky's game postponement win that saved her from sitting outside and for the great season they had.
- **Dan Wilson**; Salvation Army spoke of the Delta store reopening after the fire, McChesney again?
- **Cynthia Stanfield** spoke of a vacation and publicly admitted buying \$40 Bucks worth of calendars!
- **Bob Johnson** had \$50 bucks for the 6 x 6 wapiti he bagged, Oh, I'm sooooo jealous.
- **Dr. Don Tyler** was happy **Ohio beat Michigan** among other things.
- Our own **Jeanie** gave a mini program and included a sighting of **Bill Sisson** on a bar stool, several new dance classes including ballroom at the Lincoln Park barn and senior tap classes, call Jeanie to join up!

#### Announcements:

- There will be a **Membership Committee meeting** this week before the meeting. If you're interested in growing the club, show up. Nancy Hill's in charge and it's a great committee.
- A **New Member Breakfast, 7:30 Thursday morning the 29<sup>th</sup>** at Good Pastures, All newbies be there!

## Warner's Corner



With five clubs now, it's clear that Rotary International is on the move in the Grand Valley.

Our club, at 90 years, is the oldest Rotary club in these parts. But we are joined by four other outstanding clubs - Fruita Rotary, Horizon Sunrise Rotary, Redlands Rotary and the newest club, Grand Mesa Horizon Rotary.

In addition, we also have Rotaract and Interact clubs. Members of all of these fine organizations provide "service above self" on a daily basis.

When you stop to think of it, we are part of a worldwide effort that - as of June 30 - includes 1.2 million members in 534 Rotary districts. There are a total of 33,790 Rotary clubs; 7,741 Rotaract clubs with 178,043 members, and 12,097 Interact clubs with 278,231 members.

I was certainly made aware of the global scope and reach of Rotary during the international convention in Birmingham, England last June. Truly, it was an impressive and inspiring sight to see so many folks from all over the world sharing the same goal of improving the lives of others.

#### Announcements continued:

- **Dennis Pretti** is begging for a replacement to take over as Club treasurer before June 30th. If you have an interest in taking over the financial reins of our Club contact Dennis. It's a big paying job!
- **Jan P.** (hard name to spell) wants us all to make Tombstones for Masquerade, a fun thing to do!

#### Romance in the Air:

At our Cool Ruler's behest **Kevin McChesney** and **Dennis Baker** blatantly demonstrated their ballroom dancing skills to us all. We were touched by Kevin's manly control and Dennis' grace and charm. Dennis floated like a flower on the breeze and made Kevin look very Clark Gable esque. Lovely to behold!

#### OFFICIAL CALL FOR LABEL STICKERS AND DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTORS!

We anticipate the arrival of 2000 dictionaries by 11/6. We are looking for volunteers to install labels and letters beginning Monday, 11/9 through Saturday 11/14. If we finish labels by 11/13, we will not plan to work on Saturday. Distribution is scheduled beginning Monday 11/16 through Friday 11/20. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables 11/4 and 11/11. The warehouse location is Mays Concrete, Inc., 2399 Riverside Parkway. Questions should be directed to Dan Roberts, 986-3504 (or Julie, Dan's assistant, 986-3509) or Judy Hegge 216-9070. Thanks for helping!

#### Legends of Rotary Calendars:

The perfect gift for those you love or for those you don't, See Reed for yours today; only \$10.00, you can buy one online at [www.LegendsofRotary.com](http://www.LegendsofRotary.com) or at all area Walgreen's. Just watch how many we sell

#### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

My dear Rotarian friends, **Rotary prayer time** is in order for three of our special friends and fellow members of many treasured years. Please extend your hearts and fruitful minds with healing prayers for **Barbara Bowman, Denny Mayer, Harry Mavrakis** and anyone else I may not know about. Your cards are extremely appreciated by all. While we are at it, let's pray for this entire community because we need the dreaded flu to pass us by. Numerous folks are already in the hospital, and by now you all know of the closing of the elementary school with so many children already ill -- Not good. Put prayer to work.

Lastly, thank you to all who are generously creating your **clever tombstone** for the **Masquerade Cemetery Walk to be delivered to the Doubletree October 29th for the Ball on the 30th**. Every decoration we don't have to rent or buy creates that much better bottom line for our donation to the **Endangered Children of Mesa County**. Thank you all for your tremendous support.

### ***Upcoming Dates***

**Meeting Programs  
Barb Bowman and Gwen DeCino  
Program Committee Co-Chairpersons**

- October 28**     **Rotary Youth Exchange**  
**November 4**     **Fruita Monument High School  
Rotary Foundation**  
**November 11**    **Veteran's Day – *Floyd Keller***  
**November 18**    **CADA – *Tim Jackson***

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- October 21**     **Rotary Board Meeting**  
5:00 p.m., Hospice Board Room.  
**November 6**     **Past President's Meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff C.C.

**October 21, 2009**