



The Rotations

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Rotary International: End Polio Now

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Excerpt from RI website:

On March 27th the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region was declared polio-free. This historic accomplishment marks a vital step toward the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's goal of delivering a polio-free world by 2018. India, once deemed the most difficult place to end polio, recorded its last case in January 2011 – a remarkable triumph that opened the door for the entire region to be certified polio-free.

What does it mean for global health?

- Today, 1.8 billion people across the region's 11 countries are at greatly reduced risk of polio infection, thanks to unprecedented commitment from governments, exceptional program quality, and the dedication of millions of community health workers and volunteers.

- Between 1995 and 2013, the program

conducted at least 189 nationwide polio immunization campaigns, administering more than 13 billion oral polio vaccine doses across the region. Mass immunizations will continue in polio endemic and polio threatened countries until total eradication is achieved.

- Stopping polio throughout the region -- where some countries have been polio-free for more than 15 years—strengthened the delivery of health care services to the most vulnerable communities, allowing other health priorities to be addressed.

- Trained polio vaccinators and health workers can now be redeployed to improve immunization rates for other childhood diseases.

- In several countries, high-performing polio surveillance systems have been expanded to track other vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, neonatal tetanus, and Japanese encephalitis.

**We meet Wednesdays 12:15 PM
at Antonello Ristorante
3800 S Plaza Drive, Santa Ana, CA**

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 9 Rita Burgueño will speak on the Boy Scouts programs

Exciting future topics are TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12, District grant training (if you missed the March 29 option)

April 14 District Presidents' Meeting: Jim McClure will be honored.

May 2-4, District Conference – Temecula Creek Inn, Temecula



This achievement in polio eradication generates lasting benefits for global health, but the work cannot stop here. In order to protect gains against polio, the world community must remain committed to improving routine immunization coverage and maintaining sensitive surveillance. With three countries remaining polio endemic – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan – the lessons learned in the Southeast Asia region will play a vital role in achieving a polio free world.

To acknowledge and celebrate this achievement, Mel shared several videos from the RI website on polio immunization efforts in the Ivory Coast, Ukraine, Guatemala, and Uganda. These are easy to find at www.rotary.org and one great way to answer the question, "What does Rotary do?"

CLUB ANOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Guests

We had no guests today. It was a small gathering of committed club members.

President's Remarks – Mel El Guindy

Mel reminded us signups are open for the District Conference to be held in Temecula May 2-4, at DaCDB or www.rotary5320.org (District website). There will be children's events and hot air balloon ride opportunities. Also, the RI Conference will be in Sydney June 1-4.

Members are encouraged to register for and attend **District grant training** to be held in Anaheim. The same presentation will be offered on two days, so members may attend March 29 or April 12. Please go online to register, at DaCDB or www.rotary5320.org (District website).

Jim McClure is being honored at the April 14 District Presidents' meeting at The Hills in Laguna Niguel (off the 5 at La Paz).

BURGERAMA This was the community music festival at the Observatory a few weeks ago. Our club members, friends, and family staffed the outdoor beer garden all weekend. The event organizers expressed their appreciation for our hard work and support with a generous contribution to our club's Foundation.

Staffers enjoyed their time at the event, despite pouring nonstop and being soaked with beer by the end of their shifts. (Fortunately none were stopped on the way home. No-one drank before or during their shifts, but they did get saturated in suds and foam and drips and splatters.) We're very interested in doing this event again next year and with more advance notice, we trust more members will be available to take a shift.

We again expressed our thanks and gratitude to Lisa Morrow, Jim Carter, George Wilson, and Crystal Turner, for making this happen.

Our **new member / vocational / club social event March 26** turned out to be a great club social. Penny brought a guest, and Ryan and Chrissie from the Observatory (see Burgerama, above) joined us and presented us a cheque. The members present really enjoyed the chance to relax, enjoy some refreshments, and enjoy each other's company and conversation. We missed those who were not present. The diehards who lasted longest were rewarded with a very generous (and fabulous) dessert sampler, hosted by our generous and gracious President Mel.

"Rotarians enjoy beer" was an observation someone made in response to the stories told about staffing the beer garden at Burgerama. So as a public service to any of our members who do, in fact, enjoy beer, here's a public service announcement of a non-Rotary event:

Saturday May 3 2014 at Irvine Lake (Silverado) will be a **Sabroso Craft Beer and Taco Festival**. Noon to 4 p.m. Free parking, free water, entertainment, and games. Multiple local chefs, restaurants, and taco trucks will offer \$2 tacos, and the \$55 festival pass included unlimited tastes of over 50 craft beers. For tickets and more information go to:

<http://sabrosotacofest.com> and get an early start on your Cinco de Mayo celebration.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Irvine based Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation.

Of course, if you're at the District Conference that weekend, you'll probably be able to find some beer there, too.