

September 28, 2010 Gulf Breeze

Invocation: Bob Johnson

Joke: Sallie Parks

Speaker: Interact Club, Dunedin Youth Volunteers

Last Week, 9/21/10

Guests:

- Richard Carson, Stacy Trote, Lisa McBride, Martin Slavney, Bob Wheeler, Becky Robbins-Penniman

Happy Bucks

- Chuck Dean is happy to have oranges painted on his mail box by the local artist Steve Spathelf
- Sally Trotter in support of the Inner Wheel Jerry Massy to be back from Dallas
- Nora Mihopoulos for a Happy Birthday.

50/50 Raffle:

- Chuck Dean pulled a King of Clubs for \$10.

Announcements:

- Stephenie Fenton announced our Service through Giving was Rotary Camp Florida and she noted the Club would match any donations today.
- President Melissa thanked Martine, Joan and Carole for their attendance at the charter dinner for the Rotary Club of St Petersburg Sunset. Our club GSE leaders Martine and Carole each have previous GSE Team members who were founding members of the new club. The new club has come to life in a very dramatic way by sponsoring 19 service project events in 11 months.
- Jim Haley announced that he had received news from the Harley Davidson dealer that their new bike for the raffle has arrived.

Speaker: Carl Treleaven, DGE – Polio Plus: Delivering the Polio Vaccine

Carl noted that before Rotary started the fight against Polio in 1988, there were 350,000 cases a year – last year there was 500-1,800! The success in fighting polio can be attributed to advances in public education and the delivery of the vaccine on national vaccine days. Carl explained the vaccine must be kept chilled until it is administered and this is accomplished in many areas through teams that go to villages with specialized containers chilled by dry ice. Carl showed slides of his own work as part of a Rotary immunization team in the African country of Benin. They immunize children under 5 by putting 2 drops of vaccine on their lips, then dip their little finger into an ink marker that last for about 2 weeks to show they have been vaccinated. Teams go both to health clinics, community centers and door to door in an effort to reach as many children as possible. Carl noted that it is fine to have the children vaccinated more than once. They vaccinated about 250 million children in Africa and India. Carl noted that every few months India does polio immunization campaigns. The results have been dramatic. In Nigeria there have been only 6 cases so far this year and none since June 18 compared to 378 last year. Additionally, in India, there have been only 55 cases so far this year contrasted to 312 last year. The progress that has been made is quite remarkable. There remain challenges. This year Tajikistan which eliminated polio in 1991 has suffered 456 cases - most likely a result of travelers from India transmitting the disease. So the need for world wide immunization continues. The remaining areas are Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria (PAIN).

Acting in conjunction with a Gates Foundation challenge grant, Rotary has pledged to raise \$200 million to end Polio. Our district is at \$104,000 with about \$100,000 to go toward making our goal. Carl called on our club to continue our fund raising efforts to achieve the district goal.

October 5:

Invocation: Ken Rejko

Joke: Deborah Kynes

