



ROTARY CLUB of MONTECITO

Tuesday's @ Noon at the Montecito Country Club
P.O. Box 40218, Santa Barbara, CA 93140

DISTRICT 5240

MONTECITO ROTARY CLUB AXIS

JANUARY 31, 2012



Program 1-31-12: The Chiari Foundation, Presented by Pete Dal Bello

Pete Dal Bello has had Chiari malformation for his entire life; he went from doctor to doctor for eight years before finally being diagnosed with Chiari in 2008. Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder where the lower part of the brain descends into the spinal canal, eventually resulting in pressure on both the brain and spine. There are a variety of symptoms that often go undiagnosed or are misdiagnosed. Many doctors are not even aware of this sometimes fatal malformation. Over 300,000 Americans have been diagnosed with chiari; more women than men; and many children. Pete founded The International Chiari Association (ICA) with two high school friends Robert Mislant and Jason Floyd. The mission of the ICA is to educate and inform the public about chiari malformation. For more information go to web site: www.ChiariAssociation.org



ICA's founders, Jason Floyd,
Pete Dal Bello, Robert Mislant.

Rotary International

Kalyan Banerjee
RI President 2011-2012

District 5240

Wade Nomura
District Governor 2011-2012

Frank Ortiz
Dist. Governor Elect 2012-2013

Jack McClennahan
District Governor Elect Nominee
2013-2014

Montecito Rotary Club Officers:

Carolyn Brown
President, 2011-2012

Harlan Green, Past President

Murray Ray, President Elect, 2012-2013

Lynda Nahra, President Elect-Nominee, 2013-2014

Jeff Kerns, Acting Secretary

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Directors

John Brinker
Aaron Clark
John Glanville
Paul Kremser
Mark Magid
Robert Mislant
Rosslyn Ray

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

PROGRAM: Thousand Oaks Rotary Club, Matt Lallo

Invocation/Flag Salute: Harlan Green

Backup: John Glanville

50/50 Raffle: Peter Feitis

Greeter: Jeff Kerns

Carolyn's News Briefs of 1-31-12



Happy Bucks:

- John Glanville is happy that his mother is out of the hospital after open-heart surgery.
- Harlan Green is happy that his step daughter's surgery went well (she's in Milwaukee) and there are no other signs of cancer.

Announcements:

Mark Magid & Murray Ray talked about some of the information they got from the STEPS conference this last weekend. Mark indicated that he number one thing to take away from the conference was the idea of creating sustainability within all international projects. That means having a five year minimum plan as to how a project, once completed, will sustain itself; whether it is a market, a latrine or a school. This is accomplished by teaching and training the locals of where your project will take place. Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime. Murray added: Keynote speakers included Gabriella Brignardello a senior at La Reina High in Thousand Oaks, who has formed her own non-profit, "Mi Casa de Angeles" and has already raised \$40,000 of \$500,000 that she intends to use to build a

school in Peru. Also Fary Moini and Stephen Brown from the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle who have done just amazing things in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Mark & Murray also attended breakout sessions on Economic and Community Development, Peace and Conflict Resolution and Water and Sanitation. Sustainable Elimination of Poverty You may ask "is this too big a task for Rotary to tackle?" Well we are the guys who are eliminating Polio from the world!!

- The Fireside Chat is Friday, February 10th at Lynda Nahra's house; if you haven't signed up contact Carolyn. This is a great event to bring potential new members and to just socialize with Rotarians.
- Ross is still looking for at least two more people to host the Guest Who's Coming to Dinner events at their home (or host them at a restaurant). Please let her know if you can help out.
- Membership: Jeff talked about the need to get some new members in - our goal is 3 for this year. We've lost several members this past year and need to get some fresh new faces in!
- Larry Hammett won the raffle and was kind enough to donate his winnings back to the Club.

2012 District Conference - Queen Mary

Chair: Ralph A. Kleemyer
Date: Sep 28, 2012 - Sep 30, 2012
Event Fee: TBA
Location: The Queen Mary
1126 Queens Highway
Long Beach, CA 90802

WELCOME ABOARD! At the District 5240 Conference September 28-30, 2012, you will journey back in time and enjoy the authentic and unique experience offered at the Queen Mary and the nearby attractions of Long Beach. Going back to the days where steamships were the quickest and most elegant way to travel, the Queen Mary was the first choice for the elite of high society. The majestic Queen Mary offers you the chance to step back in time aboard one of the most famous ocean liners in history.



R.I. President's January News



At Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C., stands a memorial to the Seabees, formally known as the U.S. Naval Construction Force. An inscription reads, "With willing hearts and skillful hands, the difficult we do at once; the impossible takes a bit longer."

In Rotary, we already have our own mottoes. If we didn't, I might be given to nominate those two lines. The power of combined effort, as Paul Harris once wrote, knows no limitation. When we work together, the impossible becomes possible.

I thought of this when I read, a few months ago, an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the premier medical journal in the United States. Titled "The Polio Endgame," it outlined a strategy for a post-polio era, including managing post-eradication risks.

Thirty years ago, such an article could never have been published. Today, it is a testament to the power of dedication, of persistence, and of combined effort. The impossible has, indeed, become possible. A post-polio

world, once the stuff of dreams, will soon be here.

My friends, the day that polio will be eradicated is close at hand. We have to be ready for it with a powerful Rotary - a Rotary of enthusiasm and confidence, of bold vision and clear ambitions. It is time for us to prepare by taking an honest look at our clubs. Are our projects meaningful, sustainable, and relevant? Are our meetings productive and enjoyable? Are our clubs welcoming to new members, and are our schedules and events friendly to young families? And once people join us, do we welcome them properly, involve them enough? Do we make them a part of the family of Rotary quickly enough?

The figures tell us that while enough new individuals join Rotary every year and everywhere, too many exit Rotary, on an ongoing basis. What unfulfilled hope do they leave with? What expectations are we not meeting? Can we do more and better?

Now is the time to focus our energies on our clubs, and on the way people see them. It is time to show our communities that the Rotary of today is not the Rotary of their preconceptions. Rotary is a way to connect, to do more, to be more - it is a way to take our idealism and our vision, and turn them into reality.

2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand

Register now for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May, and enjoy an unforgettable experience in the Land of a Thousand Smiles! Enjoy Thai hospitality. Make friends with fellow Rotarians from around the world. Take in spectacular sights. Taste delicious Thai cuisine. Experience a vibrant culture. Renew your commitment to Service Above Self. And have fun in a world class city.

To attend the convention and experience the fellowship of Rotary at an International level, follow these steps.

Step 1: Consider options before registering

Decide if you'll register with a group or as an individual. You can register yourself and up to four guests online, but if you have a group of six or more, you'll need to submit a paper registration form.

Check the preliminary schedule and decide the pre-convention activities and RI-ticket events you wish to attend. RI-ticket events include three luncheons open to all convention registrants. Before

you register, you may also want to check pricing and find information on visa requirements
Step 2: Register and reserve your room. Register for the convention and RI-ticketed events.

Register for host-ticketed events. Local Rotarians on the Host Organization Committee (HOC) have arranged several cultural excursions and host hospitality events to help visiting Rotarians enjoy their stay in Bangkok. Continue your convention experience by taking a host-sponsored tour before or after the convention. Register online or download the interactive host event form. Reserve your hotel room through Experient. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book early to secure your preferred hotel.



Rotary celebrates India's first polio-free year

Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

Rotarians and state government leaders in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India, vaccinate children against polio during a National Immunization Day in 2011. Photo courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world -- an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International

PolioPlus Committee. "Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio, and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

"Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum," he adds, describing as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunization rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through 13 January continues to yield negative results, WHO will declare that India has interrupted transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the polio-endemic countries list, which also includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. However, because non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunizations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighboring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," Banerjee says. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

