



PROGRAM: The Invisible Opponent

SPEAKER: Ray Cianaglini

HOST: Jim Somerville

GREETER: Nancy Loughlin

WORLD POLIO

HOSTED BY: NANCY LOUGHLIN

PRESENTED BY: NANCY LOUGHLIN

DEDICATED TO FRIEND, ED CULLEN A.K.A. - "MR. FOUNDATION"

Meeting Date: November 17, 2016 – Nancy Loughlin recently traveled to Nigeria for a World Polio event. She focused her first presentation regarding the trip on the Polio Vaccination Day she participated in with other Rotarians from around the globe. The trip was led by Bradford Howard of Howard Tours, a Rotarian and member of Rotary International Board of Directors. Nancy was the only New Yorker among the group of 30+ people.

Nancy arrived in Port Harcourt on Oct. 19, exploring the area on the 20th, including Rivers State University and government complexes. She also visited the Kingdom of Bonny and the West Africa Project Fair, where she engaged with Rotarians from 15 West African nations. Visiting different booths, Nancy learned about projects that these clubs are implementing to address humanitarian needs.

On Oct. 24th – World Polio Day – Nancy participated in a 5K run/walk with other Rotarians and Nigerians. She met a 29-year-old man from Rwanda who started a Rotary Club now 1 year old. Nancy also attended a parade in promotion of polio eradication efforts. She shared a video showing a sea of red and yellow shirts marching on a street, people holding beautiful banners with the Rotary International logo and photos of children impacted by polio eradication efforts. Music is blaring and people are dancing. Nancy also shared a video of a para-soccer (paraplegic soccer) tournament played by athletes who no longer have the use of their legs as a result of polio. The players are seated on roller skateboards and play with their hands. This is one of the best disabled sports ever invented in Africa and was created by young Nigerians with physical disabilities. (Photo right)

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 8

PROGRAM: Club Assembly & Elections

SPEAKER: Bill Phoenix

HOST: Bill Phoenix

GREETER: Jim Guild



Nancy's group went to 4 clinics on World Polio Day and Nancy participated in providing children the life-saving polio vaccine. Hundreds of children received the vaccine in the area she visited.

Nancy attended a Rotary meeting with others while in Nigeria and exchanged banners. She also commented that the group sang "Vive La Rotary", so our club will have to practice this song ☺

Thanks for sharing your experience with us, Nancy and thank you for your incredible efforts to be part of polio eradication.

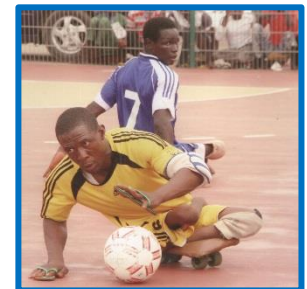


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CONGRATULATIONS WG STUDENT OF THE MONTH: NICHOLAS SGRECCI

Burton Brewster introduced our Watkins Glen Student of the Month for November, Nicholas Sgrecci. Brewster remarked, "Nick is a great student and very hard worker. He is involved in many activities and always has a positive attitude," Nick is a very helpful student and works especially well with students who have special needs. Nick is a member of and treasurer for National Honor Society, volunteers as a youth basketball coach, and is active in the Odessa-Catherine United Methodist Youth Group. Nick is always willing to lend a hand and go above and beyond expectations. A true leader in and outside the classroom, he is an exceptional role model for others. Nick is ranked 2nd in his class with a 94 GPA. He plans to attend college following graduation. Nick thanked Rotary for the honor of being named Student of the Month and acknowledged his parents and teachers for shaping and encouraging him.

NOVEMBER 17TH CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: SOTM, Nicholas Sgrecci and his parents, Dana and Gail, presenting teacher, Burton Brewster; YEX Student, Anjelika Friis, Ashley Wedding, guest of Chris Burns and John Nguyen

WHO WON THE RAFFLE? Jim Bacalles

MONTHLY AUCTION: NOVEMBER: Glenda Gephart, Tom Gifford, Rich Greenberger **DECEMBER:** Jim Guild, Doug Hagin, Fred Hall

FUNDRAISING/VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

SWINGING ON SENECA SHORE: John thanks all who helped make this event a success. 170 tix were sold plus we received cash donations and sold 50/50 tix. The gross so far is \$2,111 with a profit of \$1,350 for Polio Plus! The HepCats donated back \$100 of their fee and look forward to next year's event. Big thanks to dance committee and those who took on specific responsibilities.

ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 8, 5- 7 PM. The event is held at the Montour Moose Lodge with karaoke, dancing, food, and fun for people with developmental disabilities served by The Arc. Volunteers will be needed for set up and food service.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BUDGET: Please bring any fundraising ideas to the attention of the Bill, Terri, or Michele. We need a boost to fill our budget gap.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: The Board has approved a leave of absence request for member, Kevin Murphy.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mark your calendars for December 19th, 6 – 8 PM for our club Christmas Party. Bring a dish to pass and a gift for the Chinese Auction.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: Terri Orbin passed a list for the Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family project. Only gifts, not food, are on the purchase list this year. There are also suggested gift items in the "Gift of Hope" list that include things like "Loads of Love" laundry supplies, or other gift basket ideas that can be donated and dropped off at St. Mary's. Monetary donations are also welcome.

THOSE WE MISSED: Michelle B., Carl B., Bruce B., Doug H., Matt H., Dean H., Jim H., Rebekah C., Terri O., James P., Nancy R., Jeff S., Kristine S., Bridgette S., Jennifer S., Meredith W., Jim C., Tom C., Ginny E., Jim L., Dave R., Dave S.

MAKEUPS: Rotary Readers: Judy Phillips, Matt Hayden, Tony Fraboni, Michelle Benjamin, JC Argetsinger; **Polio Dance Crew**

IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND, ED CULLEN

We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of our fellow Rotarian and friend, Edward J. Cullen. Ed passed away on November 16th at his home in Watkins Glen. He proudly served his country in the US Army in Goeppingen, Germany, post WWII. During his life, he lived a life of service to his community through the following organizations: Boy Scouts of America for 25 years, Director and President of the Squires Drum and Bugle Corp, Deacon of the First of Baptist Church of Watkins Glen, Past President of the Schuyler County United Way, Director of the Schuyler Hospital Foundation, member of Doctors Scholarship Committee for Schuyler County, President of Rotary Camp Star, and President of Literacy Volunteers. In his later years, he enthusiastically embraced and supported Rotary International. His was a past president of Watkins-Montour Rotary Club. He then served as District Governor of Rotary International District 7120 representing his district throughout the world in Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. One of his proudest accomplishments was his tireless work to benefit Rotary's International Polio Plus campaign. He was a recipient of Rotary's Distinguished Service Award from the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Citation of Meritorious Service of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a true example of Rotary's "Service Above Self". Thank you for your leadership and service, Ed. You will truly be missed.

CELEBRATIONS & CONFESSIONS:

Chris Burns: SOTM, for Nancy!

Michele Ray: SOTM, Happy Thanksgiving

Bill Phoenix: SOTM

John Nguyen: SOTM

JC Argetsinger: SOTM

Jim Chedzoy: In Memory of Ed, Celebrating birthday

Don Stocum: Missed meeting, SOTM

Glend Gephart: Missed meeting, In Memory of Ed, SOTM, Photo in Star-Gazette

Holly Baker: In Memory of Ed, Arc Party on Dec. 8th

Mike Learn: Birthday, SOTM, In Memory of Ed

Stan Beaver: In Memory of Ed

John King: On TV

Tony Fraboni: SOTM, In Memory of Ed

Bruce Boughton: Missed Meeting

Jim Guild: In Memory of Ed, SOTM

Rich Greenberger: SOTM, Jim Howell isn't here ;)

Nancy Peters: In Memory of Ed, SOTM, Chorus International

Nancy Loughlin: SOTM, In Memory of Ed

Jim Bacalles: In Memory of Ed, was late last week

THE HISTORY OF POLIO: SWEDEN

Presented by Ajelika Friis



Polio epidemics appeared in Polio in 1881 and the last outbreak was in 1953. In 1953 – 3,000 people were affected. Swedish medical science acted together with American research institutes. In 1957 a mass vaccination of all ages was started. In 1962, just 4 cases were reported. No indigenous case of polio has been reported since 1977. The vaccine is free in Sweden and immigrants that need urgent care are provided with free health care. As Sweden has resources and knowledge about the disease, Rotary did not have to help with the eradication of polio in Sweden. The citizens of Sweden are not aware of what Rotary's efforts have been in eliminating polio from the world's population and many do not know of Rotary's existence. However, Rotary clubs in Sweden do help the global effort to eradicate polio. Every year, Sweden sponsors the Polio Plus Program. Angelika's mother's club and other clubs collected \$3,500 and arranged a big charity concert for the effort.

