



Business Meeting:



Ribfest Presentation:

Well, one was planned, but with only 11 of 30 members in attendance, this crucial topic for RCO's future, was deferred to a future meeting.

Catch-the-Ace Charities:

Editor Don stumbled through this explanation sorry, but the message was that, at the last minute, we had to change one of the recipients of this first draw as they were running their own C-t-A Raffle. So the first Draw charities are Hospice Dufferin and Choices.

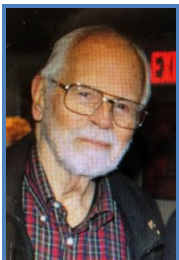


RCO can name new Charities for each weekly draw, so members are invited to advise the Board if they have a Charity they would like to see considered - email President Taunya or Secretary Don.



Fundraiser Update!

It's simple to buy tickets - just go to our website and the "BUY" button appears immediately. Simply follow the prompts and be sure to click on RCO as the desired Club to credit your purchase to RCO.



Luke's in Saginaw:

Best wishes to Luke, back in Saginaw for medical appointments and cataract surgery. All the best Luke!



CFUW Invitation

Ingrid has invited RCO to attend CFUW Orangeville & District's October Persons' Day Event: Wed, Oct 20 7:00pm via Zoom.

Speaker, Senator Karen Sorensen is the daughter of RCO member, the late Keith Hunter, and her topic is:

"from the Orangeville Dairy Queen to the Senate of Canada....."

See all the details on page 2.

The President's Corner:

"Act as if what you do makes a difference - it does!"

Sincerely, Taunya

Social Media Corner:

Watch for posts featuring our Catch the Ace Raffle - Draw #1 is Oct 28th

Important Dates:

Club Hall & Zoom Meetings

Tues. Oct. 26th at 7:15pm Hall and Zoom
tba

Tues. Nov. 9th at 7:15pm Hall and Zoom
tba

(Links and details will follow)

Board Zoom Meeting

Tues. Oct. 19th at 7:00pm.

October Birthdays

none

October Anniversaries

Scott & Kathryn Hughes - Oct 7th

John & Alice Russell - Oct 20th

Happy Bucks

Sgt. Josh was on duty, in person at the Hall! Despite the low attendance, there were lots of Happy Bucks.

Attendance

In Person - 6 On Zoom - 5 - plus Honourary Member Doc, and visiting Rotarian Luke.

**VACCINES WORK:
ENDING POLIO IS PROOF**

#VaccinesWork



See the latest about Polio Plus later in this edition of The Rotooter!



Food Bank Volunteers Still Needed:

For the Thanksgiving Food Drive, extra Volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts to sort the donated food items. They are looking for about 5 people max per visit. **Available Shifts are:**

Wed	Oct	13 th	10-1
Fri	Oct	15 th	1-4
Wed	Oct	20 th	10-1
Fri	Oct	22 nd	1-4
Wed	Oct	27 th	10-1
Fri	Oct	29 th	1-4

Please contact Savanaha O'Reilly, Food Manager 519-942-0638 asap. Thanks



CFUW Invitation to RCO

CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Orangeville & District is hosting a Speakers Series on October 20th and the keynote speaker is Senator Karen Sorensen (nee Hunter). We would like to invite RCO members, families and friends to attend.

Please see invitation below. Ingrid

You are invited to attend CFUW Orangeville & District's October Persons Day Event

*taking place via ZOOM on
Wednesday October 20
at 7 p.m.*

Persons Day marks the occasion in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the definition of 'persons' was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal.

The Persons Day celebration is an annual event for our Club. This year our keynote speaker is Senator Karen Sorensen, who is a former resident of Orangeville, and is an accomplished community leader with experience working with all orders of government and the private sector.

"From the Orangeville Dairy Queen to the Senate of Canada..."

Listen to Sen. Karen's inspirational journey – and learn about the Senate's role in reviewing legislation that results from our decisions at the ballot box.

This event is free but you must register in advance. Learn more about Senator Sorensen [here](#). Learn more about Persons' Day [here](#). Complete your registration [here](#).

All are welcome!

Please register by 5 p.m. on October 19, 2021

The Waiting Room for the ZOOM meeting will be open at 6:30 PM on Wednesday October 20th but attendees will not be admitted to the meeting until 6:55 PM on the 20th.

Please connect to the ZOOM meeting before 6:55 PM on the 20th, so that all attendees can be admitted prior to the start time.

The Persons' Day event will begin promptly at 7 PM

Click [here](#) to register

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting. Please save your confirmation e-mail, as it contains your individual link to the ZOOM meeting, which you'll need to connect on October 20th.



The latest news from District 6330 regarding progress with the eradication of Polio as we approach World Polio Day on Oct 24, 2021. Some good news - We're Sooooo Close!



Polio Headlines 22 September, 2021

Country or territory ³	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases							Date of most recent case
	Full year total					01 Jan-21 Sep ¹		
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	
Pakistan	20	8	12	147	84	70	1	27-Jan-21
Afghanistan	13	14	21	29	56	46	1	01-Jan-21
Nigeria ³	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	21-Aug-16
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type1)	37	22	33	176	140	116	2	
Tot. in endemic countries	37	22	33	176	140	116	2	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	2 ³	2 ³	3	3	3	2	2	
Total Female	13	7	18	72	59	51		
Total Male	24	15	15	104	81	65	2	

How does Taliban control of Afghanistan affect Rotary's final push to end polio? What is Rotary's response and where do we go from here? Read on...

A quick view of the "box scores" above, would lead one to believe that polio is *done, over, eradicated*. It only shows 2 cases in January of 2021, one in Pakistan, one in Afghanistan. But we must look deeper into these numbers. Both cases occurred in a small region between the Afghan-Pakistan border controlled by the Taliban. In this area the Taliban resisted all efforts to immunize children for purely political reasons and a number of polio workers, mostly women, died trying to save the children. Late in 2020 the Taliban aggression stopped for reasons beyond this report and immunization resumed, again, by a very brave group of Afghan women. The result is that polio has been virtually stopped. It remains to be seen how the Taliban government of Afghanistan continues to care for its children.

[The following report was published on Facebook, 8/25/21 by Michael McGovern, RI Polio Committee Chair. It covers a subject which is now running totally under the radar about worldwide disease eradication and the involvement of the Taliban.](#)

As the sun rose on 1 January 2021, we all worried about what this new year would bring. For those of us who closely follow polio eradication progress, it was an especially worrisome time. 2020 and 2019 had seen an uptick in wild polio virus cases and in circulating vaccine derived cases. Polio vaccinations had had to be suspended for a while in 2020 due to the corona virus and vaccines for Covid-19 were just starting to receive early use approvals.

The polio news was especially bad in Afghanistan. On the very first day of 2021, a wild polio virus case was reported. In the next week, the national health minister was fired due to hints of corruption on non-polio matters. Before month's end, the government of Afghanistan ordered the UNICEF polio lead to leave the country relating to a verbal spat that had occurred in the President's office. Then in March and June there were coordinated attacks on polio workers and their security teams leaving eight families having lost loved ones. The Taliban denied responsibility for the attacks, and it appeared the attacks were tied to elements who supported ISIS or ISIL as they are also known. We also noted that some areas of the country had been subject to over 30 months of a ban on house-to-house polio vaccinations.

While all this was going on other activities were occurring which have been mostly unreported. On January 17th, the Regional Directors of WHO and UNICEF met at the Taliban office in Doha, Qatar to discuss polio vaccinations and Covid response in the areas controlled by the Taliban. While house to house polio vaccinations were not agreed to, the seven senior members of Taliban leadership indicated support for other measures to provide vaccination activities. In all areas of the country, health screenings continued unabated which showed no new wild polio cases and no positive identification of polio viruses in the environment. In a zoom call of polio partnership leaders the week of 17 August, Aidan O'Leary, the global WHO polio director, noted that Afghanistan has one of the best programs for polio surveillance in the world and it was not finding polio anywhere.

After the fall of the Afghanistan government in mid-August, the new leadership has agreed to keep on the acting health minister who has been effective in righting the program since February. Taliban leaders have visited the national and regional polio offices and pledged their support for the polio eradication program. On 23 August, a Rotary sponsored roadside vaccination hut provided vaccinations to children under five with local Taliban providing the needed security. For security reasons, I will not share the photos I received but it was good to see the Rotary logo doing good in the world.



Rotary has just 35 members in Afghanistan. They inspire me daily with their courage and perseverance. The polio program has always been politically neutral in every country. Rotary and our partners work with the leaders who are in charge. We now work with new leaders in Afghanistan. Rotary funds WHO and UNICEF. We do not send any funds to the governments nor to groups other than WHO and UNICEF. We monitor the spending they do on our behalf very closely. We have never been closer to eradicating polio in Afghanistan. We will continue to work with the Afghani people and our partners to finish what we began over 35 years ago.