

NORTH FRESNO ROTARY



BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 11/14/14



Rotary Club of North Fresno Chartered October 5, 1948
District 5230 northfresnorotary.org **90 Members**

Upcoming Events:

January 1st: A new year.

Following Weeks:

November 20th: Andy Sousa, Face of hunger in our valley. The Food Bank.
November 27th: **DARK**. Happy Turkey Day.
December 4th: Dr. Lynn Williams, CSU Fresno Dept. of Agriculture Business.
December 11th: Community Service- Lowell School Lunch.
December 18th: Christmas Party at Tornino's.
December 25th: **Merry Christmas** and **DARK** at Tornino's
January 1st: **Happy New Year** and **DARK** at Tornino's.

For those responsible for the programs; Please review the above programs for accuracy and correctness of topics and presenters.

This reporter had a recent surgery on the right hand and did not realize until the meeting that the left hand was illiterate. The right hand was called upon to take the following notes:

Our club was dimmed on Thursday November 13th, as we participated with the 12 other local clubs in the Rotary Foundation Joint Meeting held on Friday November 14th, at Tornino's.

We welcomed Dr. JARED RUTLEDGE, epidemiologist with the Fresno County Public Health Department for this special joint meeting that included an update on eradicating polio and the campaign END POLIO NOW!



Fig Garden President Mike Graves was joined at the head table by our Presidente RALPH BOYAJIAN, Fig Garden Rotary Foundation Chair BILL GRIFFITH, District Foundation Chair AUGUST HIOCO, Dr. JARED RUTLEDGE, and our own PAUL MASQUELIER, and CHARLIE WADHAMS.

Dr. RUTLEDGE'S presentation included the use of some very challenging words, thus the definition:

- Enteroviruses. Any of a group of RNA viruses (including those causing polio and hepatitis A) that typically occur in the gastrointestinal tract, sometimes spreading to the central nervous system or other parts of the body.



Some facts about Polio

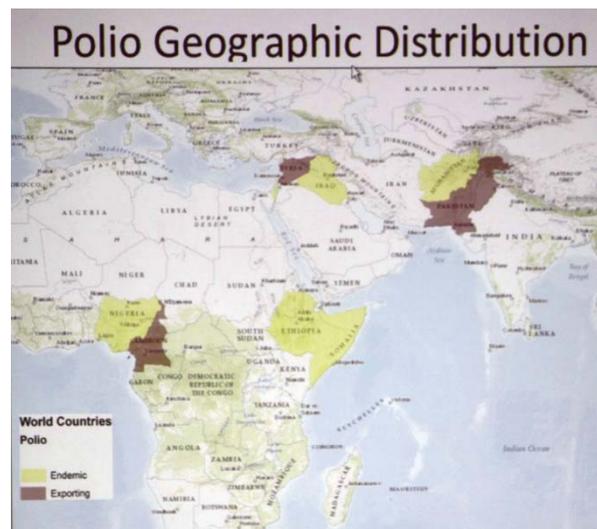
- Polio vaccine was licensed in the United States in 1955
- Paralytic disease impacts up to 1% of those infected with the Polio virus.
- Patients have some or full recovery from paralysis within 6 months. Physical therapy is recommended.
- The fight to end Polio began in 1988 when there were approximately 350,000 Polio cases reported worldwide.
- **Polio's eradication is at the 99% level**, although the remaining 1 percent will be the hardest to eradicate.
- 2.5 Billion children have been immunized globally since 1988
- The majority of children contracting this crippling disease are under the age of 5

2014 Polio cases reported in the final 3 endemic countries:

- *Pakistan: 117 in 2014*
- *Afghanistan: 8 in 2014 vs 14 in 2013.*
- *Nigeria: 6 in 2014 vs 53 in 2013.*

2014 Polio cases reported from other important countries:

- *Syria: 1 in 2014 vs 35 in 2013*
- *Somalia: 4 in 2014 vs 194 in 2013*
- *Kenya: 0 in 2014 vs 14 in 2013*
- *Ethiopia: 1 in 2014 vs 9 in 2013*
- *Cameron: 5 in 2014 vs 9 in 2013*
- *Equatorial Guinea: 5 in 2014 vs 4 in 2013*
- *Iraq: 2 in 2014 vs 0 in 2013*



At the end of the presentation, Dr. RUTLEDGE asked all attendees to stand and show their support of the fight to fully eradicate the Polio virus.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

The impeccable photographs are courtesy of a professional: RICHARD QUAN.

Tony Akel



Tony did a superb job of writing the Bulletin, even though he is digitally impaired. The following is the 'Smilebox' of the meeting created by RICK QUAN.

<http://www.smilebox.com/playBlog/4e4445314d5441344e6a453d0d0a&blogview=true>

For those of you who do not remember or never had the pleasure for meeting BETTY ARNOLD, she was out Secretary, for ever, and a charming and loving person. The following is from her husband.

Dear Friends,

My beloved Betty went into the arms of Jesus and to her eternal home about 1:00 this morning after her 20-month battle with pancreatic cancer. She had expressed several times in recent weeks she was ready to be relieved from her earthly body and be home with the Lord. Thank all of you for your prayers during this battle. I and our kids, Scott and Pam, would ask for your continued prayers this week as we make plans for her service, probably toward the end of next week.

It was just one year ago yesterday that she got home from her surgery at Stanford.

Love to all of you,

Roger