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Monday:	Eminence-Henry County Public Library	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunshine-LaFayette Club	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Golden Corral	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Meth.	12:00 noon
	Versailles-At the Hospital	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton.....	12:00 noon
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Next Week's Speaker...

A native of Arkansas, **Janet Patton** has been at the Lexington Herald-Leader for 20 years. Since 1998, she has reported on agriculture, horses of many breeds, the horse racing industry, the push for expanded gambling, and other business and farm issues in Frankfort, ranging from raw milk to pay-day lending. For her 2001 coverage of the foal deaths, she won an Eclipse Award and a Gerald Loeb business writing award. For her 2005 series "Wrong Side of the Track," on backside injuries and the lack of insurance coverage for stable workers, she won a second Eclipse and was a finalist for the Loeb. She just completed a year-long look at Kentucky Thoroughbred farms, big and small. She is married to investigative reporter John Cheves and they live in Lexington with their son.



Monthly Make-up Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be no January make-up meeting.

Make-ups for Dec. 19

Shirley Elkin	Larry Tracey
Phillip Shepherd	Tyler West
John Sower	Paul Yancey

Attendance Percentage: 67%

Top 5 Rotary stories of 2012

From www.rotary.org

The year got off to an exciting start in January when India marked a year without a new case of polio. By February, the World Health Organization had removed India from the list of endemic countries.

Here's a look back at this and other memorable Rotary events of 2012.

1. India polio free

After going an entire year without a new reported case of polio, India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO). Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February.

The news was a huge boost to the morale of Rotarians, who have been laboring to eradicate the crippling disease since 1985. Only three countries – Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan – remain on the polio-endemic list.

In May, Rotarians at the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, celebrated Rotary's having exceeded the US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication efforts. The challenge was Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

But the work is far from complete, because worldwide eradication has not yet been achieved. Later in the year, Rotary launched an online petition drive to urge government leaders to continue funding the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's efforts. And in October, RI launched the World's Biggest Commercial,

which enables people visiting the new End Polio Now website to add their photo and join the effort to make history.

2. New grant model

Rotary districts have begun qualifying for The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, which goes into effect for all districts on 1 July. For the past three years, 100 pilot districts have been testing this Future Vision model, providing feedback to help the Foundation refine it.

The model includes three types of grants: district, global, and packaged. Applications for district grants began in late October, and those for the other two types will begin early in 2013.

District grants offer clubs and districts flexibility in carrying out activities that further the Foundation's mission, and can be used for short-term projects in both local and international communities. Districts can request up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund in one annual block grant.

For example, Rotarians in District 5340 (California, USA) used district grants to provide clean water for rural communities in South Sudan and to boost the capacity to carry out search-and-rescue efforts in their own community, among other projects. Read more.

3. RI theme

RI President Sakuji Tanaka unveiled the 2012-13 RI theme, Peace Through Service, during the International Assembly in January. The then president-elect urged the Rotary leaders in training to explore the many ways they would be able to build peace through acts of service. He also asked Rotarians to promote three Rotary Global Peace Forums, the first of which was held 30 November to 2 December in Berlin. Remaining forums will be in Honolulu, Hawaii, in January, and Hiroshima, Japan, in May.

4. 2012 RI Convention

More than 35,000 Rotarians from 181 countries and geographical areas converged on Bangkok, Thailand, in May for the 2012 RI Convention. They celebrated successes in the

campaign to eradicate polio (see above), and left with renewed energy to continue the fight against the crippling disease.

Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn represented His Majesty the King during the opening ceremony, thanking Rotarians for their good work around the world. During four packed days of plenary and breakout sessions, Rotarians heard from a number of speakers, including microcredit pioneer and Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus; antipov-erty crusader Hugh Evans; Gillian Sorenson, senior adviser and national advocate at the United Nations Foundation; and Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and activist Angelique Kidjo.

During the World Peace Symposium that preceded the convention, former Sudanese child soldier Emmanuel Jal talked about the atrocities he had witnessed, and Liberian Nobel Peace laureate Leymah Gbowee urged attendees to continue working for peace.

5. Interact turns 50; peace centers, 10

Interact clubs and their sponsors around the globe celebrated the program's 50th anniversary during World Interact Week, 5-11 November.

The first Interact club, at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, USA, received its charter in November 1962 under the guidance and sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. In celebration of the golden anniversary, charter members of the club joined current Interactors and Rotarians from District 6930 for a night of reflection and fellowship.

The Rotary Peace Centers program marked its 10th anniversary in 2012. The program has been offering master's degrees in peace and conflict resolution at leading universities in Australia, England, Japan, Sweden, and the United States since 2002. In 2004, a three-month professional development certificate program was added at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.