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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

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
	Louisville-Galt House	12:10 p.m.

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Next Week's Program...

**There will be no regular
Wednesday meeting next week!**

The 18th Rotary International Dinner will be on Thursday, February 26 in the Ballroom at the Capital Plaza Hotel. The dinner will take the place of our regular Wednesday meeting on February 26. A hospitality hour with a cash bar begins at 6 PM, followed by the dinner at 7.



The theme for this year's dinner will be "Looking Out My Back Door: Reflections on Latin America." The speaker will be Douglas Janoff, a senior Canadian Foreign Service Officer currently on sabbatical

leave at the UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. Mr. Janoff will discuss the importance of Latin America, especially in light of events such as the Chinese investments in the area, a shift in US policy to focus on the Middle East and Asia and the improved relations between the US and Cuba.

The dinner is open to the public. Tickets are

\$25 per person. To make reservations, which are required, please contact Wayne Onkst no later than February 22 at wayneonkst@fuse.net or at 859-757-5671.

There will also be a Silent Action at the Dinner to raise money to help diagnose cervical cancer in Haitian women. Donations are welcomed.

Make-ups for Feb. 11

Ron Christopher Dan Egbers

Attendance Percentage: 63%

Welcome New Member!

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Board Action

1. Approved the disbursement of \$410.00 to be used for International Dinner cost.
2. Approved scheduling a "Food Pantry Drive" for Saturday, May 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Boy Scouts will be available to help at both local Kroger stores.

Speech Contest Rescheduled

The Speech Contest will be at our March 4 weekly meeting.

Quote for Today...

The government ought not to be invested with power to control the affections, any more than the consciences of citizens. -*Lydia Maria Child, activist, novelist, and journalist (11 Feb 1802-1880)*

Rotary releases \$34.8 million for immunization activities worldwide

By Arnold R. Grahl, *Rotary News*

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds, whose release was announced 20 January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.

"Nigeria has managed an incredible feat," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's PolioPlus chair for Nigeria. "However, now we must be more vigilant than ever, as our progress is fragile."

Commitment to polio eradication from all levels of the Nigerian government has proved crucial to the country's recent progress. Disease experts are urging political leaders to maintain this focus as national elections approach next month.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in which Rotary is a partner, made significant progress against polio in 2014 in most places. More than half of the world's cases in 2013 were the result of outbreaks in previously polio-free countries, largely caused by instability and conflict in countries including Syria, Iraq, and Somalia. The outbreaks appear to have been stopped last year following special vaccination efforts in 11 countries that reached more than 56 million children.

"We are encouraged to see the tangible progress made against this disease in 2014," says Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "However, until we elim-

inate polio from its final reservoirs, children everywhere are at risk from this disease. Along with our partners, Rotary will work hard to ensure that the world's most vulnerable children are kept safe from polio."

One less promising spot in the polio eradication fight has been Pakistan, which saw an explosive outbreak totaling more than 300 cases in 2014, the most there in more than a decade. As a result, Pakistan accounted for almost 90 percent of the world's cases last year.

Pakistan will receive \$1.1 million of the funds that Rotary is releasing to support eradication efforts there. In addition, the grants include \$6.7 million in Afghanistan, \$7 million in Somalia, \$3.3 million in Democratic Republic of Congo, \$2.8 million in Niger, \$2.5 million in Chad, \$1.6 million in Cameroun, \$1.1 million in Ethiopia, and \$250,000 in Kenya. A total of \$321,000 will provide technical assistance in Africa.

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to fight polio. Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication (up to \$35 million a year). In 2014, there were only 350 confirmed polio cases in the world, down from about 350,000 a year when the initiative began in 1988.



Photo Credit: Diego Ibarra Sánchez

Female polio health workers provide the polio vaccine during the National Immunization Days in Kano Northern Nigeria.