

July 23, 2009

July 16th Meeting:

*THE FIGHT AGAINST POLIO



District Governor Elect Claire Little with Asst. District Governor Emily Francona and Club Secretary John Johnston

In this country most of us are inured to the scourge of polio. But Rotary's guest speaker, District Governor Elect Claire Little, reminded us that in some regions of the world this paralyzing disease still devastates populations of children in India, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Through The Rotary Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation wonderful progress has been made worldwide but as long as some regions are still polio endemic none is safe.

Claire and her teen-age granddaughter, volunteering as Rotary immunization workers, traveled to densely populated Uttar Pradesh, India where polio is rampant. Her slide presentation focused primarily on this life-changing trip to India. It is heartbreaking to see children crippled by polio having to crawl to get around, never walking upright unless they are privileged with surgery and braces.

July 23rd Meeting

**REV. GRACE BONNELL
WENDY THOMAS**

**PORT ORFORD HISTORIC
HOUSES AND HISTORY**

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: MICK LANE

**GREETER: Gary Anderson
THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Emily Francona
LUNCH: Chicken Salad**

Rotary Clubs are very active in India, building rehabilitation clinics, providing post polio surgery and artificial limbs. But most effective is Rotary's prevention program that is finding creative ways to immunize children in this severely stricken area. Because of religious taboos and mistrust of

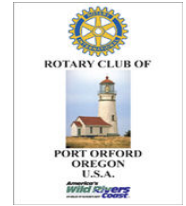
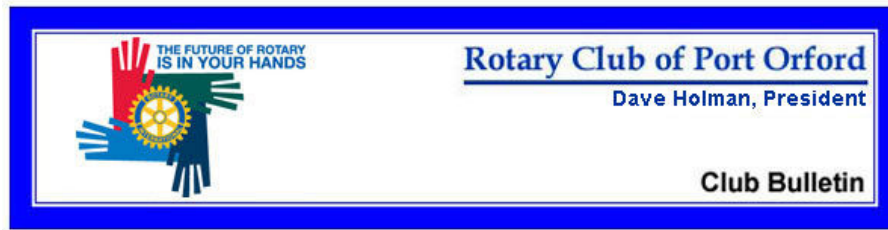
PO ROTARY FIRST CLUB TO REACH ANTI-POLIO GOAL!

Prior to the meeting Ronn Kerr, the club's Rotary Foundation Chair, challenged the Paul Harris Fellows and other members to contribute \$50 each to polio eradication. Inspired by Claire Little's talk, members stepped up to the plate, giving \$1000 on the spot. The club thereby became the first to meet the District's goal of \$1000 per club. And we are still reaching into our pockets to help end this unnecessary blight.

outsiders the Rotary staff worked with politicians and religious leaders to enter homes, schools and orphanages. They mostly set up tables on the streets where toys were given to attract kids to come around and receive their drops. In a two-week

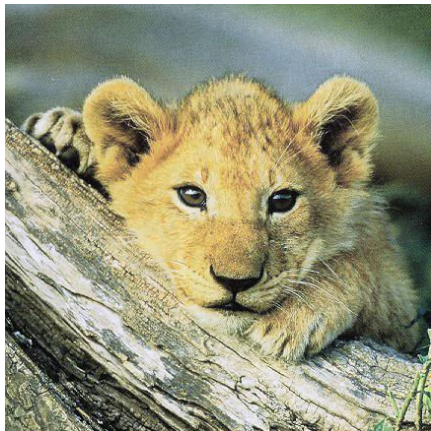
JULY – SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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nation wide intensive Rotary immunization campaign, 75 million children under 5 years old were vaccinated. Needless to say in the war-torn regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan health workers have difficulty getting access to the population. There is still no estimate of when the world will be polio free but thanks in large part to the Rotary Foundation great progress is being made.

FIFTH THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP GAME PARK SAFARI PICNIC FRIDAY, JULY 31, 6 P.M.



When there are 5 Thursdays in a month, in lieu of a lunch meeting, Rotarians do something extra special. This month Melissa Weinblatt and Bill Hawkins have planned a special evening

for Rotarians and guests at the West Coast Game Park Safari which will include a tailgate barbecue.. Too fun!

Next Week

NO THURSDAY MEETING
FIFTH THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
WEST COAST GAME PARK
SAFARI
FRIDAY, JULY 31
6:00 p.m.

LATE BREAKING NEWS **KUDLAC BABY ARRIVES!!!**

Shala had her baby, KAMPBELL GRANT KUDLAC, around midnight Sunday. He weighed in at 10.5 lbs. Shala was scheduled to be in the Bay Area Hospital for a few days. Congratulations!

ROTARY BASICS

Rotary Basics, an on-line introduction to Rotary International is now available on the Rotary International page of our website.

REMEMBER: GSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 31.

THE UPCOMING WEEK IN PORT ORFORD ROTARY

Every Wednesday – Community tennis, 7 pm
Thursday, July 23 – Weekly Meeting, 12:00 at the Legion Hall – Rev. Grace Connell, Wendy Thomas
Thursday, July 30 – No regular weekly meeting
Friday, July 31 – 6:00 pm - Fifth Thursday Fellowship: West Coast Game Park Safari
Friday, July 31 – Application deadline for GSE team

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6 – 11th Annual Show and Shine

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