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President's Message: HELLO I'M
back ! We had a fantastic trip to Italy. We were in Rome, Florence, Venice, Pisa and many villages in Tuscany. I certainly recommend a trip to Italy . It has it all-great scenery, great food, great wine,

and great people!

In my absence I understand that the Easter egg scramble went very well. Thank you Chris Lane for putting it all together and to Greg Vaisnor the perennial Bunny. Also it was a good turnout of Rotarians. Thank you for supporting it.

This Sunday April 21st we all have another opportunity to support our community. Highway cleanup people meet under the overpass at hwy 24 and Acalanes at 8AM Your board of directors has decreed that it is a good idea to come to our meetings on Thursday or to make up elsewhere. you also will get credit for makeup if:

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encouraging Rotarian involvement in the club and district activities
conducting "exit interviews" to identify why members are dropping out
surveying current members to identify strengths and weaknesses of the club so that weaknesses can be addressed before members drop out

Promote the RI Membership Award program to recognize successful club retention efforts

Membership Retention means "holding on to members" for the first five years.

Members leave because they are: not involved; not aware; not educated excluded from decision making

Retain those new members by: Making them feel welcome; Giving them a meaningful job; Involving them in decision making; Using their skills and talents; Valuing their contributions

Invest in New Members; They are the future leaders of: **Your Club; Your District; Rotary International**

Birthdays

Anniversaries

April 1	Ron Wake	◆	April 1	Bob Underwood
April 2	Tom Whitten	◆		
April 10	Rupf Warren	◆	April 17	Dale Turner
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April 24	Darrel Sutton	◆		

TODAYS SPEAKER :

John Fazel

Run Across Iowa On
The America Discovery Trail

you attend any Rotary approved function such as an approved social function, work party like highway cleanup, local rotary board meeting, district conference, district training conference. It is your responsibility to let our Secretary know if you made up a meeting.

We need everyone's help on selling ads and raffle tickets for the Concert at the Res.

World 99 percent polio-free, eradication partners say

The eradication of polio is 99 percent complete, according to figures released on 3 April by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative spearheaded by RI, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The four partners hailed the major progress, which keeps the campaign on track for a world certified polio-free by 2005, but warned that the biggest challenges of the eradication program — accessing all children, closing a US\$400 million funding gap, and maintaining political commitment in the face of a disappearing disease — lie ahead.

According to the release, in 2000, there were fewer than 3500 cases of polio reported worldwide, a 99 percent decrease from the 350,000 annual cases estimated in 1988 when the initiative was launched. In just 12 months the number of polio cases was more than halved, from 7141 in 1999. The polio virus now circulates in only 20 countries, down from 30 in 1999 and 125 in 1988. These are mainly in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Last year, a record 550 million children under age 5 were immunized during intensified National Immunization Days (NIDs) in 82 countries. This included India, where 152 million children were vaccinated in three days, and a synchronized effort across West and Central Africa, which immunized 76 million children in 17 countries.

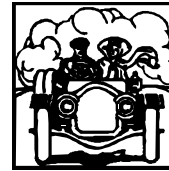
"Victory over the polio virus is within sight," said WHO Director General Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland. "We must now close in on the remaining strongholds of the disease and use all possible resources to extinguish polio."

"The key now is urgently accessing and vaccinating the children we haven't been able to reach because of war, isolation and lack of infrastructure," said UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy. "It's essential that warring parties and international mediators give priority to cease-fires that allow us to get polio vaccine to these children." However, in order to stop transmission of the polio virus in all countries, \$1 billion in additional funding is urgently required to ensure delivery of more than six billion doses of oral polio vaccine to 600 million children around the world by 2005. Of this, there is a \$400 million funding gap. To help meet this funding challenge, The Rotary Foundation and the United Nations Foundation are collaborating to secure funds from the private sector, philanthropists and foundations.

"This money must be found — there is no option here," said RI President Frank J. Devlyn. "We have worked extremely hard to come this far. Polio eradication will benefit all children, for all time. We owe it to this and future generations to raise these funds and finish the job. I call on all potential donors to invest in the eradication of this crippling disease."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 21, 2001



CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING. WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS GOING.

ALL INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS MUST ATTEND THIS CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING. EVERYONE IS TO MEET AT CONCORD BMW AT 8:00 AM TO CARPOOL TO VACAVILLE. THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 9:00 AND ENDS AT 11:45.

MAY 4,5,6, 2001



DISTRICT CONFERENCE--DAVIS-WOODLAND.

IF YOU ARE GOING YOU NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW. ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS AND INTERESTED MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

AUGUST 18, 2001



CAL EXPO ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER.

THIS IS THE ROTARY FUN DAY AND ALL DAY EXPERIENCE AT THE STATE FAIR WITH FOOD AND PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIP OR ALL. WE NEED SILENT AUCTION IN THE \$250 - \$500 RANGE OR MORE FROM OUR CLUB, LAST YEAR WE DID NOT SUBMIT ANYTHING FROM OUR CLUB. LETS DO IT FOR OUR CLUB! ALL MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN RAFFEL TICKETS TO BUY OR SELL.

MEMBER RETENTION

Mission Statement

TASK FORCE

Retain Ninety percent of all new members for a minimum of five years (except for death and movement from the area).

Action Plan

Develop and distribute a leaflet to club leaders that includes basic tips for recognizing members who appear to be ready to "drop-out" of Rotary, as well as effective strategies to retain such members. Promote the use of a "special leave of absence" for members who are moving, so that they may "make-up" at a Rotary club in their new community for up to one year. Encourage club secretaries in the member's "old" club to contact the secretary in the new community and advise them that the member has relocated. Work with members of the Membership Development Task Force to include a presentation on promoting membership retention in membership development seminars conducted at the club and district levels. Work with clubs in the zone to develop a strategic plan for retaining members by:

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Speakers Schedule

APRIL 26, 2001

BARRY BIELER — "A BIT ABOUT EARTHQUAKES"