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President's Message: Today June 14th

is FLAG DAY. Flag day originated in 1885 by B.J. Cigrand, who was a schoolteacher in Wisconsin. He arranged for his schools to celebrate June 14th (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday" In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson established a proclamation

regarding flag day but it wasn't until 1949 that President Truman signed an act of congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Every meeting we recite the pledge to the flag and to the United States of America. The original pledge was written in 1892 by a Baptist minister. In 1923 the words "my flag were changed to the flag of the United states of America" In 1954 congress added under God to the pledge.

God Bless America , Lafayette Rotary Club and Rotary International

**DO NOT FORGET THE PLAY JUNE 21ST
GET YOUR TICKETS FROM ME TODAY**

TODAYS SPEAKER :

Susan Lynn
Project Second Chance

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
June 2	Larry Blodgett	◆	
June 4	Tom Cogburn	◆	June 6 Ping Pingree
June 11	Roy Swedin	◆	June 9 AC Webb
June 13	Ray Bland	◆	June 10 Jon Frank
June 14	Jerry Jensen	◆	June 21 Roy Swedin
June 15	Bill Eames	◆	June 26 Ray Bland
June 18	Bob Shusta	◆	June 26 John Gilcrest
June 19	Mel Nielsen	◆	
June 20	Jay Strauss	◆	



Each Child a Step In a Global Plan To Erase Polio

By David Brown

Washington Post Staff Writer

Mankind has rid the planet of only one disease, smallpox, which was vanquished in 1977. In 1988, the World Health Organization (WHO) targeted poliomyelitis. Once known as "infantile paralysis," polio historically has been the greatcripler of children--and in 1988 was suspected of paralyzing or killing 350,000 children a year. More than 90 percent of immunization funding comes from outside donors. Angola provides manpower and civic commitment to what seems, from the outside, a quixotic pursuit. About 24,000 people labored in the summer campaigns, most of them volunteers in their teens or twenties, such as Angel Fiel and his companions. Along with the WHO, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **Rotary International has been a main engine of the global campaign.** **By 2005, the organization is expected to have contributed \$500 million of the \$2.5 billion cost of the campaign, an unprecedented private donation to public health.** Angola's single Rotary Club, made up of 32 men and women in Luanda, has printed and distributed thousands of posters advertising immunization days and helped supplement the inadequate salaries of some Angolan government health workers. Several years ago, it helped negotiate a cease-fire between the government and UNITA that allowed vaccinators into rebel-held areas.

Polio eradication: Final 1 percent poses greatest challenge; Funding Needed

In order to stop transmission of the poliovirus in all countries, additional funding is urgently needed. A total of US\$1 billion is required to ensure delivery of more than six billion doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to 600 million children around the world by 2005. Of this there is a US\$400 million funding gap. To help meet this funding challenge, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International 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 Frank Devlyn, president, Rotary International. "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."

Rotary International, the volunteer arm of the global partnership, has members in 163 countries and is the leading private sector partner in the Initiative. So far the service club has contributed US\$407 million to the effort since 1985 and will commit a total of US\$500 million by 2005.

President Rays' Debunking

When: Sunday, July 1 - 3:00 to 8:00 PM

Where: Mike Hellers' Place

1681 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette

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Modest Sum of \$15.00 Per Head

Bring Your Better Half,
Your Swim Suit & Towel
and Favorite Story About President Ray
(President Ray Will Be Out Of Office,
So He Can't Fine You)

This is The Official Meeting for the Week,
No Meeting Thursday June 28
(President Mike Will Be In Office So Be Prepared For
A Fine If You're Not There)