



Where North and South Meets East and West

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*Together, we see a world where people
unite and take action to create lasting change —
across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Meets Every Monday Noon
Tony's Pizza Events Center
Heritage Hall

Attain and Retain Campaign

As membership chair, I extend an invitation to all members to get involved to help me with this endeavor. Sadly we have lost about 13 members this past year. My slogan for membership this year is "Attain and Retain Campaign." I encourage all members to invite friends and associates to become a member of the Salina Rotary Club. In addition, I ask everyone to please reach out to alumni and invite them back, as well as, fellow members who have not or cannot attend meetings to keep them involved as Rotarians. Finally, there will be an article each month in the Rotator that spotlights one of our members. I greatly appreciate your help during the year ahead. Hopefully, these activities will promote fellowship and goodwill in our club.

It is my pleasure to spotlight Mike Beatty in September. Mike holds the record for the longest membership currently active in our club. My thanks to Mike and Mary Nell for sharing experiences and insight.

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Africa Region Certified Wild Polio-Free

Rotarians Worldwide were thrilled to learn that the African region was certified wild poliovirus-free on August 25, 2020.

This certification was announced by the World Health Organization and is the result of a decades-long effort across the 47 countries of the African region. It involved millions of health workers traveling by foot, boat, bike and bus, innovative strategies to vaccinate children amid conflict and insecurity, and a huge disease surveillance network to test cases of paralysis and check sewage for the virus.

This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the

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NOON ROTARY TABLE PRAYER
Be present at our table Lord
Be here as everywhere adored
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast eternally with Thee. AMEN



Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better fellowships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?





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All Club Officers excluding Treasurer

International Service: Beth Shearer

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Membership: Brenda O'Gorman

The Rotary Foundation: David Hodges

Public Image: Mary Landes

2017 Elected Member: Jeni Adams

2018 Elected Member: Katy England

2019 Elected Member: Brenda O'Gorman

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Sergeant at Arms: Kyle Smith

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Club Historian: Jeff Koksall

Scholarship: Aaron Morrison &

Daran Neuschafer

The Rotator: Michelle Peck

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Member Spotlight



Mike Beatty

I was born in Salina and grew up in Wichita, went to KU where I met and subsequently married my wife, Mary Nell. My parents were her godparents and her parents were mine, but we did not know each other until college. In 1963, we moved to Salina where I went to work for Kennedy and Coe.

I joined Rotary in 1966 and was sponsored by Stu Horejsi, a client and friend. The club was not as liberal with membership then, and members protected their classifications somewhat. There was already a CPA in the club, so I was assigned the classification of Data Processing. I think John Ryberg was president and he did a great job.

We met at the old Hilton Inn. In 1969, the Viet Nam

war was going on and a speaker from the Army recruiting office was invited to speak. He started describing how we were winning the war and suddenly Whitley Austin, the editor of the Salina Journal jumped up and shouted he had "heard enough of this BS", threw down his napkin and stormed out

of the meeting. The president nor the speaker could quite figure out what to do or say.

Ray Haggart, a longtime member played the piano for the club and one day as he was in the middle of the Star-Spangled Banner, he collapsed and died of heart failure. Never a dull moment in Rotary.

Rotary was managed by WW Waring, a retired school

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Mark Your Calendar

September 21

Rotary board meeting 11AM
at Salina County Club

October 8

Fall Social
Homewood Suites by Hilton
5:30PM

October 23-24

District Conference
Salina Hilton Garden Inn
Salina, KS

September Birthdays

Name	Day	Joined	Name	Day	Joined
Linn Exline	9/4	2019	Terry Burger	9/21	2003
Marc Ryan	9/9	1976	Mike Hoppock	9/21	2008
Diana Dierks	9/13	2014	Kyle Smith	9/23	2018
Jane Botz	9/18	2018	Mike Berkley	9/26	1991
Gayle McMillen	9/18	2010	Peter Johnston	9/27	2001
Aaron Morrison	9/20	1996	Larry Stoss	9/27	2006

Club News

Rotary International declares September as Basic Education and Literacy Month.

One of our goals is to strengthen the capacity of Salina to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children.

Our Rotary members invest in the future by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change our community.

Our 2020 Scholarship Chairs are Daran Neuschafer and Aaron Morrison. Thank you for your continued service.

“Rotary has a long-standing tradition of helping others. Scholarship is one way it does so. Letting an applicant know they will be receiving a Rotary scholarship is a very gratifying experience and makes me that much more proud to be a Rotarian.”

- Aaron Morrison



“Salina Noon Rotary Club has always been a tremendous supporter of many things in the Salina community, but in my mind, none more than the way our Rotary club supports the education of our youth. From being an annual supporter of the Saline County Back to School Fair – which provides backpacks and school supplies to school children in need in Saline County – to providing many scholarships each year for college-bound seniors of our area high schools, our Rotary club lends a tremendous helping hand to our communities young people to say “we (Rotary) are with you and supporting you in this important part of your journey”. I couldn’t be more proud to be a Rotarian”

- Daran Neuschafer

September Speakers

Program Chair: Amy Cole

September 7

No meeting



September 14

Michael Chambers
Salina Education Foundation



Tony's Event Center

September 21

Dana Brewer
Rotary Governor,
District #5680



Salina Country Club

September 28

Julie Goetz
Salina Regional Health Center



Tony's Event Center

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administrator. Walt did all the administrating for the club, secretary, treasurer, club bulletin, etc. He was a teetotaler. No alcohol was allowed at any social gatherings until Bob Kastner persuaded Walt to liberalize his position.

I was elected to club board and served as president a few years after joining. I followed Kastner who was a very dedicated club member. We would go to District Conferences together as a board. Charlie Roth was on the Board, along with Harold Eagleton, Tom Poos, Kastner and me. We were by far the youngest attendees and most others had badges labeled "DG" for district governor, "PDG" for past district governor, and "DGE" for district governor elect. Charlie Roth coined a new badge label "JAD" for just about dead.

When we went to the District Conference, we would share motel rooms to save expense. Tom Poos was the youngest and newest member of the Board and we all knew that Kastner, an imposing personality, was a loud snorer, so we avoided rooming with him. Tom

drew the short straw. When we retired for the evening, Kastner fell quickly asleep and began snoring. He had left the TV on to some station that Tom didn't like and so Tom started to change it. Bob awakened and shouted, "don't touch that dial". Tom jumped a foot and later reported that he did not sleep well that night.

Each year, a past District Governor from McPherson promoted his personal cause for our Rotary District to sponsor – a pink lapel pin in the shape of an ear, which he felt could be worn by every hard of hearing person so that others could identify them and "speak up". Despite his persistent enthusiasm the District Conference never funded the idea.

My family has fond memories of the broadening experience of hosting a Group Study Exchange Team from India.

My personal reflections on Rotary are that it was where I learned to speak in front of a group, and where, as Paul Harris intended, I made many of the valuable associations in my career and personal life.

Polio *continued from page 1*

African region, and our GPEI partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication. But we still have important work to do in order to eradicate wild polio in the last two endemic countries.

The GPEI's challenge now is to eradicate wild poliovirus in the two countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan and Pakistan. Additionally, routine immunization in Africa must also be strengthened to keep the wild poliovirus from returning and to protect children against circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus, which is rare but continues to infect people in parts of the African region.

To eradicate polio, multiple high-quality

immunization campaigns must continue to be given priority. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's necessary to keep children vaccinated against polio while also protecting health workers from COVID-19 and making sure they don't contribute to its transmission.

Global health officials and experts say that sustained fundraising and advocacy are still crucial, not only to protect gains in Africa, but to reach the ultimate goal of a world without polio. Rotary members still have a critical role to play in keeping the African region free of wild poliovirus and eliminating the virus in the two countries where polio remains endemic.

[Read the entire story here.](#)