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The newsletter of the Rotary Club of Clifton Springs-Phelps, NY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN THE ROTARY WORLD

- 1 Our **first area visit** is scheduled for Thursday **October 8th** from 7-8:15pm in **Naples**. This is an opportunity to meet with DG Lisa Norwood, AG Patti Holdraker, and Rotary members from Bloomfield, Canandaigua, Honeoye Lake, Naples, Red Jacket, and us(!) to create greater impact together. Register at <https://rotary7120.org/event/area-4-gathering--connect--share--collaborate/>. Contact Melony to car pool.
- 2 Mary I welcomed **Hope Galens** to the **Membership Committee**. Please let us know if you want to join us for camaraderie and help us in planning to support our members!
- 3 Check out some updates to **our club website (csp-rotary.org)**, including a **new Calendar feature** that lets you see all the activities going on across a given month, and for the Rotary year.
- 4 Volunteers needed to sell cider and donuts at the Phelps Harvest Festival on 10/17 from 1-4pm at the PCC.

OCTOBER 24TH IS WORLD POLIO DAY

There are many fascinating, informative articles in this month's Rotary Magazine:

Poliovirus is an intestinal virus that can attack the nervous system and lead to paralysis. There are two types, wild and variant poliovirus, and two types of vaccines, inactivated injection and weakened oral dose. As of August 17th, there are 22 wild cases and 124 variant cases (p.56). The wild poliovirus remains endemic today in Pakistan and Afghanistan, which have porous borders (p.35).

Dorothy Horstmann (p. 36) is a mostly unsung heroine who was key in discovering that polio moves from the intestines to the nervous system via the bloodstream, providing a pathway to vaccine development.

Ongoing vaccination is critical. Measles had been eradicated in 2000, and reduced vaccination has contributed to the highest infection levels in 35 years (p.35). And vaccine misinformation (an infodemic) is an issue that can reduce vaccination rates - see what the Kenyan Health Ministry is doing (p.54).

The Rotary PolioPlus program (p. 26) delivers much more than vaccines, including other healthcare and clean water, and they do it by bringing the care to where it is needed.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS — PLEASE JOIN US

Date & Place	Activity / Presenter	Topic
Oct. 6 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Club Assembly	President Don will lead the meeting devoted to club business, including school supply check presentation.
Oct. 20 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Darcy DiPane and Micah Sherman	The proprietors of the Yorkshire Inn will tell us about the inn and their plans.
Nov. 3 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Kate Springer	As the Wellness Coordinator at the PCC Fitness Center, Kate will tell us about the center and current programs.



Birthdays



Rotary Anniversary



Oct. Anniversary

- ◆ **10-1** Kristine Beniamino-Scherer
- ◆ **10-8** Kris Blair
- ◆ **10-11** Three Bollinger
- ◆ **10-23** Hugh Kane

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MEETING CALENDAR & RESPONSIBILITIES — ROTARY 2026–27

Subject to change

Date	Program Chair	Greeter	Pan Handler	Reflection
Oct 6	Club Assembly	Mary dePorter	Melony Katz	Theresa Dorgan
Oct 20	Kristine Beniamino-Scherer	Brandy Stephens	Ron Nieskes	Lori Reals
Nov 3	Janie Burgess	Stefanie Smaldone	Kris Blair	Three Bollinger
Nov 17	Ron Nieskes	Tracy Crosby	John McCarthy	Nick Ganster
Dec 1	Hugh Kane	Scott MacDonell	Jeff Criblear	Brandy Stephens
Dec 15	★ Holiday Celebration			

ACTION ITEMS

OTHER NEWS

MORE FROM THE OCTOBER ROTARY MAGAZINE



The October issue has some inspiring photos of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend in District 6250 in Wisconsin (p.44).

And there is a great article about seeing our club as an extended family (p.50). Fernando Plaza, from the Rotary Club of Barcelona-Diagonal said, **“I see Rotary as a family. And in a family, there are the grandparents, the parents, and the children. So in Rotary, it should be something similar.”**

He went on to say that they look for young people who want to help other people, then they listen to them, are willing to adapt, and give them room to lead.

DON'T FORGET:

- **Phelps Harvest Festival**
10/17, 1pm, Phelps Community Center



GOODWILL

Create lasting impact

Five lessons we learned while building a scalable, sustainable maternal and child health program in Nigeria

As we think about how to create lasting impact from our service projects, here are some transferrable lessons from a health program in Nigeria (p. 20):

- 1. Work with government from day one**
Work from the start with whatever stakeholder you want to continue the program once you set it up.
- 2. Plan the exit before the entry**
Plan your handoff from the beginning.
- 3. Let data drive the decision**
You may need to understand why your solution isn't working for a specific segment of the community, and work to solve those specific needs.
- 4. Treat community structures as part of the system**
Identify and work with other related organizations in the community you are seeking to serve.
- 5. Build systems, not just relationships**
Seek champions at all levels, and also create institutionalized policies that will remain as individual leaders come and go.