

The Bulletin



The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hot Springs Village

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Meets Thursdays at 7:00 A.M.
at Good Samaritan Lodge – 121 Cortez Rd.



Upcoming Programs

today

Rotary District Foundation
Barbara Finley
(John Atherton, ROD)

Next Meeting
3/1

The Living Legacy Program
Janet Holt
(Amy Thomason, ROD)

Future programs are listed on the website calendar!
Check it out at www.hsvrotary.org.

For a list of Meeting Make-Up Opportunities,
visit www.hsvrotary.org.

Duty Roster

Duties	February 23	March 1
Greeter	Lem Tate	Bill Boetcker
Prayer	Jean Mowry	Norm Bushee
4 Way Test	Mike Medica	Ed Stigall
50/50 Raffle	Fred Kalsbeek	Mike Crews

The Calendar

3/9/12	HSV Rotary Day @ Oaklawn
3/30/12	Flea Market Set-Up @ Coronado Center
3/31/12	Flea Market @ Coronado Center
6/28/12	Red, White & Blue Change of Gavel Dinner/Independence Day Extravaganza @ Diamante Country Club



Attendance Approaching 90%

There were 59 Rotarians and guests present at the Club's Feb. 9 meeting for 85.5%, and Sec. Steve believes that when all the make-ups are counted, attendance may break the 90% level. WAY TO GO, ROTARIANS!!!!

Guests last week were Junior Golf's Jack Berry who was the guest of Mike Medica; Barbara Booth attended with Tony, and speaker and HSV Chamber Executive Director Cindy Wagstaff was the guest of Lee Ann (the program maven) Branch.

As for his words of wisdom and inspiration, Sec. Steve presented a poignant metaphor about an individual's capacity for life, which taught, among other things, that life should not "start with the beer."

We Can Eradicate Polio!

The Polio-Plus campaign is approaching a successful climax as there were only 1,300 cases worldwide last year. Rotarian Grover asked a very provocative question last week: "Is it truly possible to eradicate polio?"



I was able to speak with an acquaintance in New York who has worked on immunization issues worldwide for several years. He is not connected with Rotary directly but has worked with persons from Rotary on Polio-Plus. He said that two strains of polio have been eradicated. We only have one strain left to cause polio to be gone from the world.

The polio virus is only passed from person to person and once the chain is broken the virus will only "exist in a lab somewhere." That is why it is so important to complete the work in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Yes, we can eradicate polio!

Remember the month of February, if you give \$75 to Polio-Plus there will be \$25 given in your name at the Rotary Foundation. Our Club goal of 20 donors has almost been achieved. Checks are to be made to Rotary Foundation, noted Polio-Plus and given to John Atherton. As of last week's meeting, there were 11 slots remaining for the supplement.

John Atherton
Rotary Foundation Chair

Vets Memorial Clean-up

The Rotary Committee for the Veterans Memorial is looking for volunteers on Feb. 20 to help clean-up and do maintenance for the Veterans Memorial. The crew will go to work at 10 a.m. To volunteer or learn more about the effort, contact Grover Scarborough at 915-9543.



The Rotary committee for the Veterans Memorial consists of Paul Bridges, Grover Scarborough and Chris Franklin.

Happy \$\$\$\$



Ed Lampman was happy to have made it to last week's meeting in time to hear John Atherton's prayer. Bill Boetcker joyfully told the Club that ye old editor was featured in the magazine section of that day's Hot Springs *Sentinel-Record*. Ross and Linda Johnson are back from their journey through the Panama Canal. Gary Jacobs has returned from his travels and reported that 27 seats have been filled on September's "Westward Ho" adventure, and Donna Aylward told us of the

British Car rally scheduled for the Village in early June.

Speaking of “Westward Ho”, Gary advises Rotarians and participating friends and neighbors to act fast to insure their place. Contact Paul Bridges at 501-922-6798 or peb1945@aol.com; Caryl Joy Young at 501-915-8912 or carylj@suddenlink.net; or Gary Jacobs at 501-915-0996 or Carolyn.jacobs@att.net for more information or to reserve your spot.

Birthdays commemorated last week included Tony Booth (yes, I’m certain) and our inimitable secretary, Steve Wright.

All together, happy Rotarians contributed \$11 to the Club’s treasury.

There’s a Little Bit More in the Pot

Charles Belt drew an Ace last week but it was the Ace of Hearts – not Spades – so this week’s jackpot will be worth \$205.50 with 47 cards remaining in the deck.

Thanks, Charles!



HSV Rotary Assists Jr. Golf

Rotarian Mike Medica presented Jack Berry with a check from HSV Rotary at last week’s meeting in support of the Village’s Junior Golf program.

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golf** 

In addition to teaching golf to juniors age 8 through 18 years, the Junior Golf program also provides its alumni with college scholarships. Currently, 11 students are receiving Junior Golf scholarships of \$500 annually for up to four years of college.

The program has grown in size each year, and offers Rotary a means of showing its commitment to the community, as well as to Junior Golf.

Wagstaff Explains Chamber’s Role

Executive Director Cindy Wagstaff of the HSV Area Chamber of Commerce explained the



organization’s role and new focus to Rotarians attending last week’s meeting. The Chamber is no longer charged with promoting the Village, Wagstaff explained, but instead focuses on activities that directly benefit its 290 members.

Wagstaff emphasized the Chamber continues to partner with the Village in many ways. Establishing a new and expanded “Welcome Center” near HSV’s West Gate Entrance is one example of how the Chamber is working with the Village, as well as the HSV Board of Realtors. Plans for that joint venture should be complete within the next two weeks, she said.

Other elements of the Chamber’s programs include development of an Ambassadors organization to help new members attract attention to their businesses, and looking for ways to increase non-dues revenue such as web site advertising and sponsoring events. Events sponsored by the Chamber include its annual dinner and awards ceremony, the Business Expo, and the Fantasy Derby. New this year will be the British Car Show set for June 1 and 2.

Wagstaff first moved to Hot Springs Village in 1985, and is the former advertising director of LaVilla News. She joined the Chamber in May, 2010 and became its executive director Nov. 1, 2011. She is married to Bob Wagstaff, head tennis pro at the Coronado Tennis Center, and they have a 15 year-old son, Robbie.

Got Pride?

Larry Gearhart announced that this spring's Village Pride Day will be Saturday, April 7



and Rotary's assigned area will be the same as last year. Twenty-five volunteers will be needed for the event, Gearhart says, and volunteer sign up will begin March 1.



Tickle Those Ivories

The Fellowship of Christian Athlete's will sponsor a benefit concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 17 at Village Bible Church featuring world famous pianist Dino Kartsonakis and his wife, Cheryl. Tickets are \$10 each and

limited to 500. See Rotarians Lee Ann or Jesse Branch for additional information.