



2007-08 RI Theme

## Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- Dick Binau (23<sup>rd</sup>)
- PP Lee Koenig (23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Bob Moyer (23<sup>rd</sup>)
- MJ Michael (27<sup>th</sup>)

### Spouse's Birthdays

- Joann 23<sup>rd</sup> (Steve Gruner)

### Anniversaries

- Jim & Nanci Toews (23<sup>rd</sup>)
- PP Dan W & Jacque Lease (24<sup>th</sup>)

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## JULY NEW ROTARY OFFICERS BEGIN THEIR YEAR OF SERVICE

### PROGRAM FOR TODAY

Speaker: Barb Mason

Topic: "Handling Aging Parents"

Rtn-in-charge: Rtn MJ Michael

### Program for July 23, 2007

Speaker- Rtn Tom Culbertson

Topic- "Hayes Presidential Center"

Rtn-in-charge- Rtn Bob Moyer

## PROCEEDINGS ON MONDAY – July 16, 2007

### VISITING ROTARIANS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
PDG Dave Groner	Dowagiac, MI
PDG Jim Hunt	Elyria
Rtn Elaine Blackmore	Sandusky

### CLUB GUESTS - nil

### CLUB PROCEEDINGS

President Helene called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm. She led members in the Rotary Prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sgt-at-arms (SAA) Rtn Jim Yeager welcomed all Guests.

### HAPPY BUCKS

Birthdays-Rtn Jim Ellis picked Rtn Traci McCauley to lead members singing Happy Birthday to him.

Visiting Rtn Elaine Blackmore also celebrated her birthday by handpicking PP Ken Berlekamp and PP Tom Hoffman to do the famous duet birthday song...after today they might be known as "the Birthday Song Trio" as they added Rtn Traci to do the background!

SAA Rtn Jim collected money from the following members:

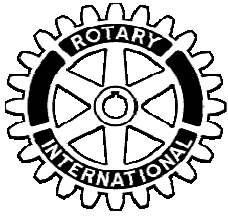
PP Ralph Oxley for a fine installation event, and for his son winning a gold medal in a Barber Shop Competition in Colorado recently;

PP Tom Hoffman was happy that the little league is over for another season; Rtn Julie Kreilick invited everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Farmer's Market at Downtown Fremont this coming Saturday, also visit PP Gary Perkins who will be turning woods all day;

Rtn Dick Binau gave \$2 requesting PP Ken & PP Tom to quit the birthday song duet;

Rtn Angelica Rinehart fined herself for missing Rtn Marc Schulz in the PHF list and for not getting ready the hardcopy of Roto Wheel. She was happy to complete 2 days riding on the MESA Bike Tour with 20 days training!

President Helene happy to complete the MESA Bike Tour too. She did 72 miles on Day 4!



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## Rotary appreciated for support

“Voice of the People” A4

from the News-Messenger, Fremont, Ohio / Saturday July 14, 2007

The Fremont Rotary Club recently sponsored the 2007 Trustee of the Year Award in collaboration with Leadership Sandusky County. The award was presented at the LSC graduation banquet to LuAnn Berry for her outstanding leadership and service with First Step, a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of family violence.

The award is a wonderful way to recognize

and express appreciation to those who give so generously to our community.

The Rotary has sponsored this award since 1999 and deserves a great deal of thanks for their support.

Thank you, Rotary.

*Jill Simpson*

*Director, Leadership Sandusky County  
Fremont*

## Rotary M.E.S.A. Bike Tour 2007

### WE DID IT!

Fremont Rotary Club’s representatives: President Helene and yours truly participated in the 2007 bike tour and survived. Though we didn’t reach the 400 miles or bike all 6 days, we still did well. President Helene rode 3 days about 135 miles and I did 2 days for 90 miles!

It was a wonderful experience for meeting new friends, visiting Rotary Club members and places, and understanding M.E.S.A. better.

Being new to this part of the world, I am so glad I stuck it out and did this. Can’t even put a price tag on my fulfillment. President Helene and I are committed to

join next year’s 6-day bike tour. It is confirmed that Fremont will be one of the stopovers and Rotary Club of Fremont will be hosting the tour during that day.

Please visit the following and share our journey ...

- 1) My journal and pictures posted on <http://www.fremontrotaryclub.org/>
- 2) Tour journal and pictures posted on [http://rotarydistrict6600.org/whats\\_new.shtml](http://rotarydistrict6600.org/whats_new.shtml)

I hope after visiting the above sites, it can inspire you to join us next year!

Yours in Rotary  
Angelica

### FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Sandusky Rotary Invites You by Visiting Rtn Elaine Blackmore

Trip to the Kasper Boat House at Put-in-Bay on Thursday, August 2, 2007.

Trolley with the Rotary Banner runs from 4:30pm - 8 pm to/from the Jet Dock to/from Kasper Boat House ... or you may rent your own car.

Dinner at 5 pm – 7:15 pm by Van Ness Catering

Cost is \$40 per person; include Dinner, Round-Trip Jet Tickets and Trolley to/from Kasper Boat House

Check Jet Schedule at [www.jet-express.com](http://www.jet-express.com). Your name will be at the Jet

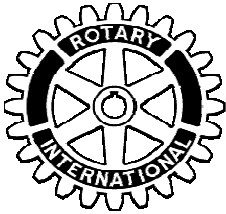
Window when you arrive where you receive your tickets.

Your check is your reservation, made out to “Sandusky Rotary”

**If interested, all checks need to be given or mailed by Monday, July 23, 2007 to ...**

**Elaine J. Blackmore  
Croghan Colonial Bank  
323 Croghan Street  
Fremont, OH 43420**

**If you have questions, please call Elaine at 419-355-2173**



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Rtn Angelica Rinehart

**Fremont Rotary**  
**PRAYER**

*(written by*  
*William B. Gavitt)*

**Almighty Father,  
whose bounteous love  
has brought us to this  
time and place,  
Grant that we may  
serve Thee by service  
to others,  
Bless this food,  
our club and our  
program to this end  
Amen**

**PLEDGE OF**  
**ALLEGIANCE**

**I pledge allegiance to  
the Flag of the United  
States of America  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands  
one Nation under  
God, indivisible  
with Liberty and  
Justice for all**

**PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Helene made the following announcements:

1) Fremont Country Club has increased the lunch meal fee.  
Motion to increase the meal fees by \$5 in our quarterly proforma invoice.  
Moved by Rtn Davis Sunderland  
Seconded by PP Del Schulz

2) Installation Dinner – Wow! A wonderful evening with great food, great fellowship, and great talent. There were approximately 80-90 guests. Winners of the raffle: 1) Mike Gabel for a Paul Harris Fellow and 2) John Lauer winning the 37" Flat Screen TV.  
CONGRATULATIONS!

**PROGRAM OF THE DAY**

Speaker – PDG Dave Groner  
Topic – "Rotary Foundation – Polio Eradication"

President Helene introduced the guest speaker, PDG Dave Groner, a member of Rotary Club of Dowagiac, Michigan since 1970. He served District 6360 as governor in 1997/98. He has over 31 years perfect attendance.

PDG Dave has 3 married daughters and six grandchildren. His hobbies include making stained glass windows, exploring rivers, and sailing on the Great Lakes.

PDG Dave is a funeral director and the owner of Groner Funeral Home. Presently serving as Board Director of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, having previously been president of District 3 for several years. He served as Vice President and National Director of the Michigan Jaycees and as a Dowagiac City Councilman.

PDG Dave was involved in the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program from 1980-1996. He served as the District Chairman of GSE from 1992-1996.

In 2003, PDG Dave was awarded the International Service Award for a Polio Free World. He received Rotary's Four Avenues of Service Award, the Service Above Self Award, and the RI Foundation's Meritorious Service Citation. He is a major Donor and Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation. Currently he is the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator serving Zone 28 for the years 2004-2007.

PDG Dave believes in Rotary, the ability of Rotarians to provide service to their community, and the ability of Rotarians everywhere to work together, making the world a better place.

Within the last 10 years, PDG Dave has led more than 20 additional groups to foreign lands to immunize children. His latest trip was back in February 2007 when he went to India with a team of 30 volunteers.

President Helene thanked the Speaker for an inspiring talk this afternoon.

PDG Dave was given a standing ovation at the end of his talk.

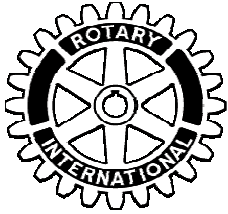
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**Lottery Winner**

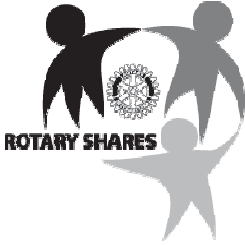
Payout was \$15  
Winner – Rtn Tom Culbertson who donated back to the Club.  
Good news – The Queen of Spades lives; it's worth more than \$197 now!

**Secret Hand Shaker**

Rtn Davis Sunderland was the Secret Hand Shaker at this meeting.  
He picked PP Gary Perkins who was the 3<sup>rd</sup> person who shook his hand.



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Speaking to the Rotary Club of Fremont was the only engagement PDG Dave had in his diary before his upcoming whirlwind of travel engagements.



## PROGRAM OF THE DAY

### Rotary hears of royal effort to eradicate polio

By GABRIEL KHOULI/The Herald Bulletin

Published May 29, 2007 07:14 pm

Dave Groner is an African king. The 68-year-old Michigan resident and funeral director is the assistant king of the Nigerian state of Apappa. Wearing his traditional royal garb, a blue-and-peach robe with a tall blue-and-pink hat, Groner spoke to the Anderson Rotary Club Tuesday about his experiences in Africa and Southeast Asia.

Groner was promised the position of assistant king if he could keep the state of Apappa free from polio and lockjaw for an entire year. He kept his promise, and they kept theirs. Over the years, Groner has fought to eradicate polio and other diseases, immunizing millions of children in Africa and Asia. He is vice chairman for polio eradication for the World Health Organization and is in charge of polio vaccination for 22 countries in Africa and Asia. He's gone on 15 separate trips to help immunize people. He can tell stories from around the world, like how he was thrown in jail in Egypt but managed to talk his way out by connecting with a fellow Egyptian grandfather. That connection led to the entire youth population of Cairo being vaccinated. □

For many young Americans, the once deadly disease has become a myth. The polio vaccine was developed in 1955 by Jonas Salk, and polio was eradicated in the United States in 1979, according to the National Museum of American History's Web site. □

Bing Pratt, district governor for Central Indiana's Rotary Club, said Groner's speech and presentation helped bring the issue of polio and vaccinations to life. "It's more meaningful to hear from someone who is so involved," Pratt said. "He has so many real stories. It's not just reading about it in a magazine." □

Over the years, more and more countries have become polio-free, and Groner has been one of the major movers. Groner said only four countries currently suffer from cases of polio: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. □

When the Rotary Club started its PolioPlus campaign in 1985, there were 1,000 new cases of polio per day in 125 countries, Groner said. Last year, 1,980 cases new cases were found for the entire year. Progress is being made in the four countries above as well, with Pakistan remaining polio-free for the last 10 months, Groner said. Afghanistan has seen a two-third drop in its polio cases to 130 cases so far this year. □

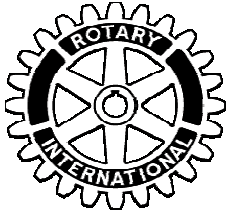
Groner has made immunizing the world's children one of his main causes. He has immunized tens of thousands of children with his own hands in one day on several occasions, working nonstop throughout the day. He says his goal of total eradication is close, but no matter how tired he gets, immunizing thousand of children in 100-degree weather, he won't quit until his job is done. □

"I will not quit until polio is gone," Groner said. "I've ridden camels across the desert until my legs rejected my thighs. I've given vaccinations to kids with live maggots in their mouths.

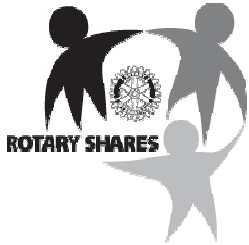
"But I've never had a bad day," he added, his eyes smiling. "I'm lucky to be a Rotarian."

During the talk, PDG Dave shared a few of his stories ...

- While visiting a Muslim family in India, the father refused immunizations for his children. After much arguing about the importance of the immunizations, the father gave in. He was told that if his children were to become infected, they would likely infect the neighbors and it was likely that they would not be spoken to again. The father was also afraid that PDG Dave would return and hit him with a stick if the above were true.
- A doctor converted his garage into a rehab center for post polio corrective surgery patients. At his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, he requested of his club to raise money covering 70 surgeries for polio patient as his birthday gift. Eventually this request became an annual birthday gift to this doctor and the number goes up according to his age! Long Live!
- Five countries gave permission and allowed 11 days of tranquility to immunize 22 million children of the Taliban in Pakistan earlier this year.
- PDG Dave became assistant king of Apapa, Nigeria. The nomination resulted in the Rotary Foundation receiving a fresh water grant, make a birthing center for women to help prevent lockjaw, and also establish a National Immunization Day for Polio.



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### Polio

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The poliovirus invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age, but mainly affects children under five years of age.

### PolioPlus

In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus – a program to immunize all the world’s children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed US\$616 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. These efforts are providing much needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over US\$3 billion to the effort. That amount, combined with direct funds from Rotary, is more than half the money needed for the entire global polio eradication program.

### Global Polio Eradication Initiative

With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm and top private sector contributor to a global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Since its launch in 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative - spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF - has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. At the time, more than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and more than 350,000 children were paralyzed by the disease each year.

### Polio Today

Today, endemic wild poliovirus has been eliminated from all but four countries in the world (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan), and 2,000 cases were reported worldwide in 2006. Though great progress has been made, challenges remain. Overall, the quality of immunization campaigns must be improved, and more funding is critically needed as the GPEI is facing a funding gap of US\$540 million for 2007-08. In response, high-level representatives from governments, donors and international agencies, recently endorsed a final plan with clear milestones over the next 24-months to tackle these and other challenges to a polio-free world

### Rotarians in Action

Besides raising funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have donated their time and personal resources to help immunize nearly 2 billion children during mass immunization campaigns throughout the world. Rotarians prepare and distribute different types of mass communication tools to get the message to people cut off from the mainstream by conflict, geography or poverty. Rotarians also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, administer the vaccine to children and provide other logistical support.

### Lasting Legacy

The savings of polio eradication are potentially as high as US\$ 1.5 billion per year - funds that could be used to address other public health priorities. The savings in human suffering will be immeasurable.

Only 4 countries: Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, are still polio-endemic - an all-time low. Unfortunately Australia had their 1<sup>st</sup> case in 21 years this past week due to the arrival of an airline passenger from Pakistan.

Check World Poliovirus Weekly Update at <http://www.polioeradication.org/casecount.asp>

For more information on Polio Eradication, visit <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus/index.html>

Check out how Rotary members fight to end Polio Worldwide <http://rotarynid.blogspot.com/>