

The Trail

Huguenot Trail Rotary Club

June 20, 2018

Coming Events

June

- June 20 **Awards and Installation**
6 pm
Salisbury Country Club
- June 27 **Garrett Hart**
Economic Development
Chesterfield County

July

- July 4 **NO MEETING**



- July 11 **New Year Planning**
- July 18 **Focus on Membership**
- July 25 **Rise Against Hunger**

False Alarm!

Following unconfirmed reports on 8 June of suspected polio re-emergence in Venezuela, final laboratory testing has confirmed the cause of the paralysis is not wild poliovirus or vaccine-derived poliovirus.

A 34-month old child had presented with symptoms of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) on 29 April, from a community with low vaccination coverage in Orinoco delta, Delta Amacuro state.

A Sabin type 3 poliovirus was isolated from stool samples of the child. Isolation of Sabin type 3 poliovirus can be expected in children and communities immunized with bivalent oral polio vaccine, which contains attenuated (weakened) type 1 and type 3 Sabin strains. Final laboratory analysis received today has confirmed that the AFP symptoms are not associated with wild or vaccine-derived poliovirus.

A number of conditions or infections can lead to AFP, poliovirus being just one of them. As part of global polio surveillance efforts, every year more than 100 000 AFP cases are detected and investigated worldwide. Clinical evaluation of the child is underway to determine the cause of the paralysis. The most important point is that the child should be provided with appropriate care and support.

While wild and vaccine-derived polio have both been ruled out as the cause of this child's symptoms, this area of Venezuela is experiencing vaccination coverage gaps. It is critical that countries maintain high immunity to polio in all communities, and strong disease surveillance, to minimize the risk and consequences of any eventual poliovirus re-introduction or re-emergence.

The partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) – WHO, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Rotary International, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – will continue to support national and local public health authorities in these efforts, together with the Pan American Health Organization, which serves as the Americas Regional Office of WHO.



Happy Birthday to us!

HT Rotary celebrates its 18th birthday on Wednesday!



New Community School is Meeting Topic

Dan Stackhouse, Director of Development at The New Community School, was our speaker last week. He talked about the school, which was founded in 1974 by a group of parents to serve students grade 5-12 who have been diagnosed with Dyslexia. He also gave us a test, dispelling many common myths about the learning difference. The school's mission is "Empowering bright minds who think and learn differently." There are 184 students enrolled at the northside Richmond campus.



Rotary Announces Partnership with Ashoka

[Rotary](#) and [Ashoka](#) today announced a new partnership that will promote opportunities for networking and collaboration between Rotary entities and Ashoka in countries around the world where they both have a presence and where collaboration is necessary to help address critical social and economic challenges.

The collaboration may include Rotary members support of Ashoka fellows social entrepreneurship endeavors, development and implementation of Rotary Club or district sponsored projects and training or knowledge exchange between [Ashoka Fellows](#) and Rotary members with relevant expertise or country knowledge. During the one-year partnership pilot, Ashoka Fellows may also help Rotary members develop innovative ideas to enhance Rotary club projects. Rotary members may, in turn, introduce Ashoka Fellows to pivotal community members and provide support for social ventures through hands-on volunteerism and community empowerment.

"Rotary empowers people who want to change the world for the better, by giving them the autonomy, vision, and resources to act on their goodwill," said Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. "Once you empower strong citizens, it is remarkable what they can accomplish. We look forward to the increased impact we can make alongside Ashoka in communities that need it most."

"Ashoka Fellows tackle complex challenges and create systems changing solutions," globally," said Diana

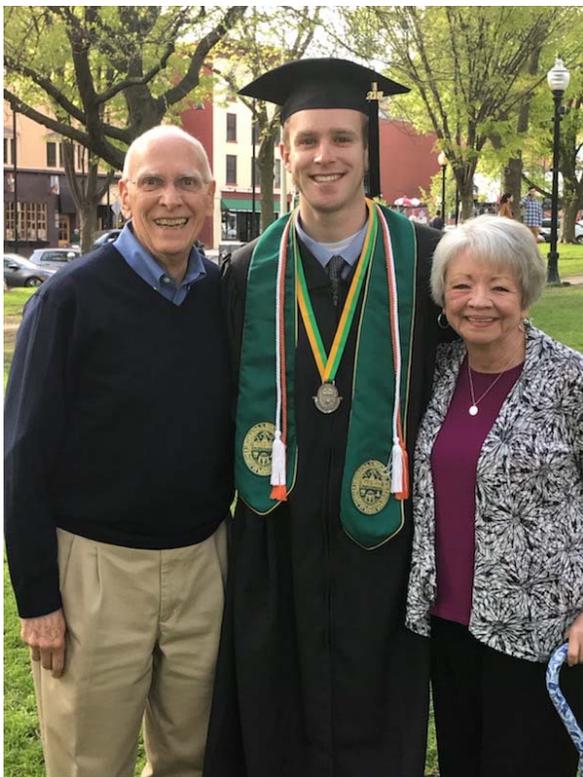
Wells, President of Ashoka. "This partnership will support the integration of Ashoka fellows into the fabric of communities in which they live and work and Rotary members who live in these communities can provide knowledge and unmatched resources to support their efforts to provide lasting positive change."

Rotary members develop and implement sustainable projects that [fight disease](#), [promote peace](#), [provide clean water](#), [support education](#), [save mothers and children](#) and [grow local economies](#). More than \$221 million awarded over the past several years through [The Rotary](#) Foundation, support these programs.

Ashoka joins a list of Rotary [service partners](#) including, [Habitat for Humanity](#) the [International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness](#), and the [Peace Corps](#).

About Ashoka

Ashoka is leading the way to an "Everyone a Changemaker" World. As the world's largest network of changemakers and social innovators with more than 3,600 social entrepreneurs in over 90 countries, Ashoka aims to bring about large-scale social change. Ashoka supports innovators to get started, grow their ideas, collaborate, reshape whole systems and influence societal transformation. Founded in 1980 with the belief that the most powerful force in the world is a big idea in the hands of an entrepreneur, Ashoka applies insights from the world's leading social entrepreneurs to set in motion profound societal transformation. Current insights indicate that our rapidly changing world calls for an "Everyone a Changemaker" world, one where every person practices the critical skills of empathy, teamwork, leadership and changemaking. For more information on Ashoka, visit www.ashoka.org. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.



Merle and John's grandson Hunter, graduated cum laude in mechanical engineering. Congratulations, Hunter!