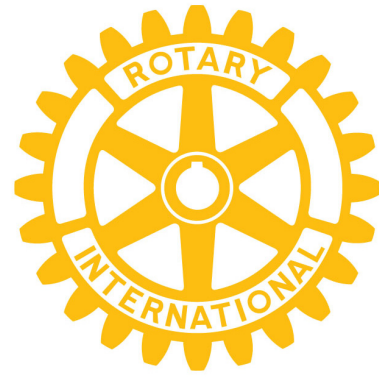


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John Nevin Shaffer, Jr. earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1970, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Houston at Clear Lake City in 1976. He received his Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's University and was admitted to the Texas and U.S. Patent Bars in 1980. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2002 and the Alabama bar in 2009. He is an AV rated lawyer and a Florida Board Certified Intellectual Property Law Specialist.

As a registered patent attorney, Nevin may practice patent law in all fifty states. Nevin is licensed to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Alabama, Florida and Texas Supreme Courts, and all lesser Alabama, Florida and Texas courts. Nevin prosecutes applications for a variety of electrical and mechanical devices, including computer software applications, semi-conductor devices, and sophisticated measuring devices. He no longer litigates, but he is available for consultation on matters involving litigation and has successfully litigated patent, trademark, and copyright infringement actions, including presenting the winning oral argument at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in a patent infringement case.

Nevin is a member of the Alabama, Florida and Texas Bar Associations, the Mobile Bar Association and the Escambia - Santa Rosa County Bar Association. He is a past president of the Austin Intellectual Property Law Association. Nevin spent six years in the U.S. Navy as an engineering officer. His last duty was as engineering and executive officer of a patrol gunboat in which his responsibilities included the maintenance and operation of its electrical and mechanical equipment, including a J-79 jet engine. He is a retired Commander, U.S. Navy (USNR-R). Nevin and his family moved to Gulf Breeze, Florida in the summer of 2000. In 2009 Nevin opened an office at the University of South Alabama Technology and Research Park and he commutes regularly between Mobile and his Gulf Breeze office.



San Diego students tackle vaccine controversy

By Sallyann Price
Rotary News

A group of teenage journalism students in suburban San Diego were in the early stages of a new project – an educational film funded by a Rotary grant – when their teacher’s phone rang. A prominent blogger had caught wind of what they were doing from a local news story, and wasn’t pleased. The fledgling film came under fire almost overnight as ripples of protest spread through the blogosphere. With calls pouring in before shooting had even begun, the advisers considered halting the project, questioning whether it would be worth the controversy surrounding its subject matter: vaccines.

“I’ve been involved with immunization initiatives for over 20 years now,” says Amnon Ben-Yehuda, one of the San Diego Rotary members who had contacted the Emmy-winning broadcast journalism program at Carlsbad High School about a health education project, initially conceived as a 15-minute film about the immune system, in 2011. “We knew there were people out there who were against vaccines, but they didn’t represent a force we had to deal with until this project.”

Ben-Yehuda chairs a Rotary districtwide committee that works with local health agencies to increase vaccination coverage. He’s seen vaccine-preventable diseases affect even affluent neighborhoods, where the barrier isn’t access to vaccines but skepticism about their safety. “For about the last 10 years, we’ve recognized that the important thing is education,” he says. “We began to realize that we were repeating the same message and not getting anywhere. Young people have to learn about immunization before they become parents, so we started working with schools.”

In addition to producing a live daily news broadcast, journalism students at Carlsbad can audition to work on documentary films as an after-school activity. Past features have tackled tough topics: One explores the legacy of the Holocaust, and another focuses on food insecurity among military families. Students are currently covering school shootings as part of a national project with PBS NewsHour. “What impressed us was that the Holocaust film came with lesson plans,” Ben-Yehuda says, “and it’s been approved by the California Department of Education for use in schools.” The Rotary Club of San Diego secured grants from District 5340 and local community organizations to support the health education project, and the students got to work.

“We had no idea at that time that vaccination was such a controversial topic – it certainly wasn’t on my radar,” says Doug Green, the Carlsbad High School journalism teacher who worked on the film with a team of 16 students and a parent-volunteer producer. “When we got into it and found there are people who seriously doubt the safety of vaccines, particularly parents of children with autism, we decided to incorporate that.” The students spent the next year interviewing medical experts in epidemiology and the treatment of autism, parents of autistic children who believe vaccines cause autism, parents of children who died from vaccine-preventable diseases, and their peers.

Some students weren’t convinced at first that the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks. Hannah Evans, whose brother is autistic, shared her evolving views on camera and in a blog post. “It was different for me than the other student filmmakers,” she wrote. “Autism affects nearly every moment of my family’s life. I had heard stories, and I believed there simply had to be a connection between autism and vaccines. Making this film changed my mind.”

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Aug. 19 – Cooper Siner and Paul Van Mueller, Rotary Exchange

Aug. 26 – Internal Speakers

Sept. 2 – TBA

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1939, “The Wizard of Oz,” starring Judy Garland and featuring words and music by E.Y. “Yip” Harburg and Harold Arlen, receives its world premiere in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, on this day in 1939. Not only did Judy Garland’s signature song, “Over The Rainbow,” earn Arlen and Harburg the Oscar for Best Song at the 1940 Academy Awards, but it quickly became an indispensable standard in the American Songbook.

On this day in 1969, Viet Cong forces launch a new offensive with attacks on 150 cities, towns, and bases, including Da Nang and Hue. The heaviest attacks were aimed at the area adjacent to the Cambodian border northwest of Saigon; an estimated 2,000 Communists attacked Tay Ninh, Quan Loi, Loc Ninh, and An Loc. Further north, North Vietnamese commandos fought their way into the U.S. First Marine Division headquarters in Da Nang.

On this day in 1990, fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovers three huge bones jutting out of a cliff near Faith, South Dakota. They turn out to be part of the largest-ever Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65 million-year-old specimen dubbed Sue, after its discoverer.

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 1980, negotiators for Okaloosa County’s teachers and school board agreed on a 10 percent, across-the-board pay increase for area teachers.

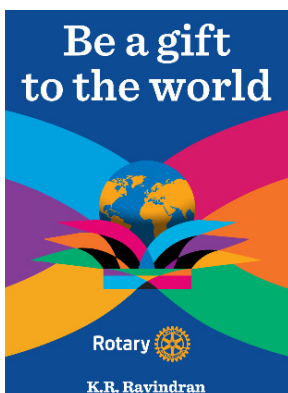
ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Roger Peadro, birthday, Aug. 9

James Bass, birthday, Aug. 11

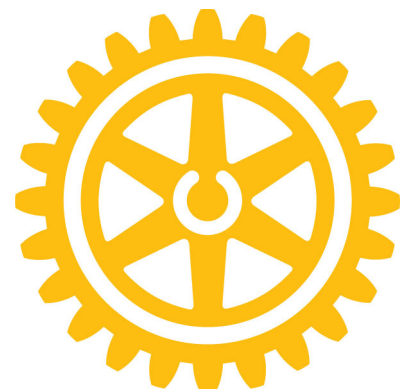
Jeff Hooten, anniversary, Aug. 12

Herb Tinsley, anniversary, Aug. 14



ROTARY’S FOUR-WAY TEST

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIP?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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SM: PH Sustaining Members
RotY: FWB Rotarian of the Year
● FWB Club Past President
●● Other Club Past President

Members in **blue** are recognized as having perfect attendance as of the end of the previous year

Members in **yellow** are on a leave of absence

Don't forget that you can make up missed meetings at neighboring clubs. They include:

Crestview: 12 p.m. Wednesday at Ryan's

Destin: 7:15 a.m. Tuesday at Ruth-erford's at Regatta Bay

DeFuniak Springs: 12 p.m. Wednesday at McLain's Family Steak-house

Mid-Bay: 7 a.m. Wednesday at Bluewater Bay Golf Club

Navarre: 12 p.m. Thursday at Tus-can Grill at Hidden Creek

Niceville: 12 p.m. Thursday at Northwest Florida State College Building K

South Walton: 7:30 a.m. Thurs-day at Embassy Suites