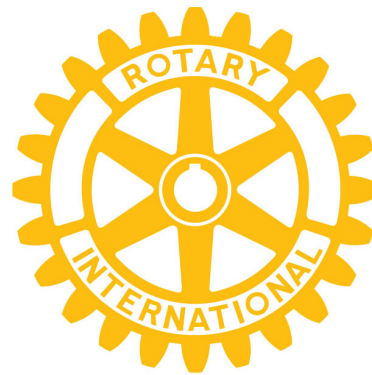


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Robert A. Robinson II 6th RTBn Battalion XO

Robert A. Robinson II is second in command of a four company Ranger Training Battalion with 225 permanent party Airborne Ranger cadre and support personnel, four assigned DoD civilians and over 30 civilian contractors.

He operates and maintains a \$30 million installation consisting of a family housing area, troop billets, recreational facilities, dining facility, fire station, motor pool, troop medical clinic, and training facilities. Robinson also manages an operating budget of \$802,000. He leads, trains, and supervises the Battalion staff that plans, organizes, coordinates, directs, and controls the Battalion's missions.

Robinson's duties also includes sustaining the Battalion's combat readiness by providing focus and supervision with regards to the Battalion's personnel, logistics, budget, force protection, and administration.



Polio vaccine celebrates 60th anniversary

**By Maureen Vaught
Rotary News**

Sunday, 12 April, marked 60 years since the Salk polio vaccine was declared safe, effective, and potent. In that time, the number of polio cases has dropped by 99 percent worldwide. With just three countries remaining polio-endemic, we are closer than ever to eradicating this crippling disease.

Jonas Salk's inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been crucial in helping us reach our goal of a polio-free world. Before the vaccine was widely available, in the United States alone, polio crippled more than 35,000 people each year. By 1957 -- two years after the introduction of Salk's vaccine -- cases in the U.S. had fallen by almost 90 percent, and by 1979, polio had been eradicated there.

The impact on the rest of the world has taken longer. In 1988, when Rotary International launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) with its partners at the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, polio continued to cripple children in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in only three: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And it has been more than eight months since Nigeria's last case, making a polio-free Africa a real possibility.

Salk's vaccine will play an important role in the end-game strategy against polio when 120 countries introduce IPV into their routine polio immunization systems this year. Leading that effort are the GPEI partners and Gavi, a global vaccine alliance, along with Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine.

"As more than 120 countries in the world are introducing IPV, we are beginning the last chapter on polio eradication," said Olivier Charmeil, Sanofi Pasteur's chief executive officer. "At Sanofi Pasteur, we have had a long-term vision of IPV as the ultimate public health tool able to finish the job started with Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)."

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 29: TBA

May 6: TBA

May 13: TBA

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this day in 1945, Adolf Hitler, learning from one of his generals that no German defense was offered to the Russian assault at Eberswalde, admits to all in his underground bunker that the war is lost and that suicide is his only recourse. Almost as confirmation of Hitler's assessment, a Soviet mechanized corps reaches Treuenbrietzen, 40 miles southwest of Berlin, liberates a POW camp.

On this day in 1954, Senator Joseph McCarthy begins hearings investigating the United States Army, which he charges with being "soft" on communism. These televised hearings gave the American public their first view of McCarthy in action, and his recklessness, indignant bluster, and bullying tactics quickly resulted in his fall from prominence.

On this day in 1970, Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time. Millions of Americans, including students from thousands of colleges and universities, participated in rallies, marches, and educational programs.

TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY

On this day in 2009, the Joint Strike Fighter had arrived. Escorted by an F-16 from Eglin Air Force Base, a Lockheed Martin pilot landed the fifth-generation aircraft about 2:30 p.m.

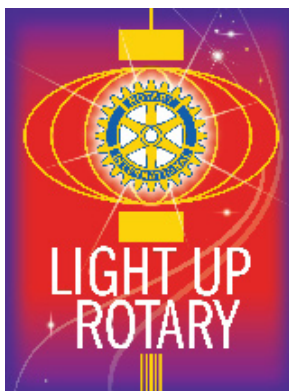
ROTARIANS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

J.T. Edwards, birthday, April 19

Kent Tinsley, anniversary, April 22

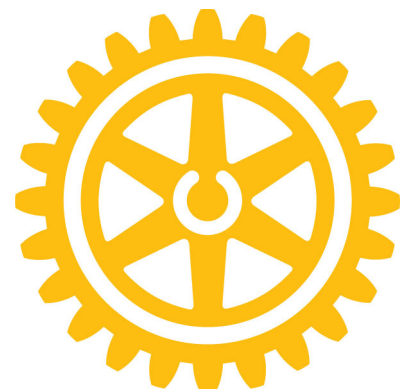
BACKPACK STUFFING AFTER TODAY'S MEETING

The club will stuff backpacks at 1 p.m. today at the Christian Life Center at the corner of Wright Parkway and U.S. Highway 98.



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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Retail/Computers

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Diane Poff
Paint & Body Shop

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PHF: Paul Harris Fellows
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