May 26, 2015
Cloyd Clark & Buffalo Commons
Upcoming Meetings/Events
6/2/2015-Leslie Stramel
6/4/15 - BOD
6/9/2015-Jon Hanson
6/16/2015-Mike O’Dell

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May 19, 2015
THE REASONS TO FIGHT POLIO ARE PERSONAL
Gabriela Klein, Rotary International communications specialist

The first time I heard about polio was when I was a little girl in Brazil. At the time, the government was aggressively promoting vaccination campaigns that led to Brazil’s polio-free status in 1989.

I was lucky. I do not recall seeing children or adults affected by the disease. I remember a cartoon character inspired by the polio vaccine drop (“Zé Gotinha”, or Mister Drop) that was very successful in spreading awareness of the importance of immunization.

Currently, vaccination drives are a norm in my country. Mothers dutifully take their children to get immunized, but have little knowledge of how terrible polio truly is, since they have not seen a case in over two decades.

My second encounter with polio was five years ago, when I started working with Rotary International. I was proud to use my communication skills to help promote the good work of this non-profit organization that brings together a global network of volunteers. I have always found my work on the End Polio Now campaign thoroughly fulfilling.

I was in India in the beginning of April accompanying our This Close ambassador, supermodel and mother Isabeli Fontana, on an immunization trip. Since India was certified polio-free just over a year ago, I was impressed to see the deep impact of the systems and processes that were installed for polio eradication efforts.

In India, I was able to immunize a child for the first time and sit down with local representatives of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. I also visited a dedicated polio ward at St. Stephens Hospital that is supported by Rotary and provides free or low-cost corrective surgery and physical therapy for polio survivors.

I saw Isabeli Fontana thank health workers for playing an essential role in reaching remote groups under tough weather conditions and for talking with kids and parents at a village school about the importance of hygiene for disease prevention. I finally understood the reality of the roadblocks that exist for eradication efforts and the clever solutions people and organizations create, including the involvement of religious leaders to share the message that vaccines are safe.

The gift that I took from the trip is the knowledge that I was able to protect children from a preventable disease. I have been always professionally invested in the need to end polio and now I feel it is also my personal responsibility.

McCook Rotary Club On The Web:
Find us on Facebook at: McCook Rotary Club
District 5630: tinyurl.com/district5630
Online meeting link: http://www.rotaryclubone.org/
Rotary International: rotary.org

Park cleanup:
May 25 – Skip Cunningham
June 1 - Steve Rasmussen

R-O-T-A-R-Y
R-O-T-A-R-Y, That spells Rotary
R-O-T-A-R-Y, Is known on land and sea;
From North to South, to East to West,
He profits most who serves the best,
R-O-T-A-R-Y, That spells Rotary

Where friendship binds for man’s uplift,
Where each one strives his best to give,
Meetings Held Each Tuesday Noon at McCook Community College

The 4-Way Test
In the things we think, say, and 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

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Surrounding Club Meeting Times
Monday
Kearney, Ramada Inn - Noon
Norton, Town & Country Kitchen - Noon

Tuesday
Imperial, M & M's Natural Jazz - Noon
Oberlin, The Gateway - Noon

Wednesday
North Platte, Quality Inn - Noon
Grant, Perkins County Senior Center - Noon
Kearney, Dawn, Alley Rose 7:00 am.

Thursday
Cambridge, Senior Center - Noon
Curtis, Curtis Cattle Co. - Noon
Holdridge, Country Club - Noon
Atwood, Masonic Temple - Noon
North Platte Dawn, Heidi's Restaurant - 7am

Friday
Goodland, NW. Kansas Tech - Noon