



# The Palm Leaf



Palmyra Rotary (RI Club #5360, District 7390) usually meets at 6 P.M. Mondays at The Sinkhole



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### Tonight

Strategic planning session.

### Last Week

Strategic planning session.

### Reminders

October 8 – Highway cleanup Meet at the Sinkhole at 8 am. Wear work gloves if you have them

October 23 – Pints for Polio at the Sinkhole.

October 24 – Fred Tilberg presents "The Arctic".

November 8 – Flags out.

November 11 – Veterans' Day and Flags for Heroes.

November 13 – Flags in.

November 14 – Jen Kuzo, the new director of 'Visit Lebanon Valley', discusses events in the valley.

### Dictionaries



Palm Leaf staff photo by reporter Steve Ricker

For the 18th year in a row Palmyra Rotary has donated Dictionaries to every 3rd Grade Student in the Palmyra Area School District. Pictured below left to right are Rotarians Calvin Clements, Jim Rothermel, Ben Ricker, and Fred Tilberg along with two teachers and several students at Northside Elementary School.



The anvil that the Annville club used to collect fines was discovered by Jim Rothermel (left) recently Jim presented it to Ben Ricker (center) to be put on display in the museum section of Ben's office in Annville. Looking on are Pres. Cal Clements (blue striped shirt), Brion Smoker (solid blue shirt) and Yvonne Rothstein (striped, green shirt).

### District Club Grant Committee Vacancy

The District Club Grant Committee has a vacancy. If you have a passion for The Rotary Foundation and specifically grants, please contact Nigel Foundling at nfoundling860@comcast or 717-717-679-1264. The committee meets via Zoom on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 a.m.

Rotary Reporter

### They Had Eggs

A wife asks her husband, a software engineer, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get six."

A short time later, the husband comes back with six cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy six cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had eggs."

President.....Cal Clements  
Vice President.....Ben Ricker  
Secretary.....Jim Rothermel  
Treasurer.....Jere Maurer  
Group C Assistant. Governor..... Becky Zalit  
Rotary's Bank Balance Today:  
\$13,150.40

### AFL

St. Peter and Satan were having an argument about the AFL.

Satan wanted a game to be played on neutral grounds between a select team from the heavenly host and his own hand-picked players.

"Very well," said St Peter (the gatekeeper of Heaven). "But you realize, I hope, that we've got all the best players and the smartest coaches."

"I know, and that's all right," Satan answered unperturbed. "We've got all the umpires."

### Insults

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here" - Stephen Bishop

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." - Samuel Johnson

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. - Paul Keating

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

## **RI President Jennifer Jones announces An additional \$150 Million Pledge Toward The End Of Polio**

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival on 24 September to highlight Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and announce an additional US\$150 million pledge toward that end.

Jones, who spoke in front of 60,000 people in New York City and tens of thousands more online and on TV, noted the state of emergency that the governor of New York state recently declared to combat a resurgence of polio in the region.

Jones stressed that polio is preventable through vaccines and that wild poliovirus is endemic in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Although female vaccinators are critical to building relationships with mothers and reaching children in these areas, they sometimes can face harassment or even attacks.

In Pakistan, "frontline female health workers put themselves at risk every day," Jones said. "They are committed, even with obstacles, to reaching every last child with polio vaccines." The vaccination program works with the local police and government to ensure the safety of these health workers.

Jones talked about the effect of polio vaccinations in some countries being disrupted by COVID-19. She pointed out that in 2021, about 25 million children went without critical immunizations. "The world has beaten back this disease significantly, but we must redouble efforts," Jones said.

The additional funding Jones announced will go to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which said in August that it was seeking new funding commitments for its 2022-26 polio eradication strategy. "We want this to be the start of a massive effort to reach the initiative's US\$4.8 billion funding goal," Jones said.

Rotary members have been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for more than three decades. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and helped found the GPEI in 1988, when there were an estimated 350,000 polio cases across more than 125 countries in one year. Since then, cases have plummeted more than 99.9%, sparing more than 20 million people from paralysis. Rotary has helped immunize nearly 3 billion children against polio, contributed more than US\$2.6 billion to global polio eradication efforts, and helped secure more than US\$10 billion from donor governments.

The Global Citizen Festival, an annual music celebration, urges world leaders to end extreme poverty, take action on climate change, empower girls and women, and dismantle systematic barriers. This year's Global Citizen Festival, which took place in New York City and in Accra, Ghana, called on global leaders to invest US\$600 million into the future of women and girls, narrow the US\$10 billion climate change shortfall, and provide US\$500 million to help farmers in Africa to respond to the global hunger crisis.

The New York component, hosted by actor and Global Citizen ambassador Priyanka Chopra Jonas, included performances from Metallica, Charlie Puth, Jonas Brothers, Måneskin, Mariah Carey, Mickey Guyton, Rosalía, Angélique Kidjo, and Billy Porter. Presenters included celebrities Amber Ruffin, Bill Nye, Connie Britton, Katie Couric, Tamron Hall, Katie Holmes, and more.

Global Citizen says that since its first concert in 2012, more than US\$41 billion in funding has been dispersed that's affected the lives of more than 1.1 billion people.

Jones urged people to get involved: "Global citizens, use your voice — help us call on governments, businesses, and other leaders to join us in pledging ambitiously at the World Health Summit in October to end polio forever."

Rotary has worked with Global Citizen for a more than decade, primarily regarding the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. At last year's event in Paris, France, Jones announced \$97 million pledge for sustainable project. At the 2012 concert in New York City, Rotary General Secretary and CEO John Hewko announced Rotary's \$75 million commitment to polio eradication. Rotary and Global Citizen have also connected at Rotary International Conventions, the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meetings, polio advocacy events, and polio funding