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Clubs conduct fundraisers to raise polio awareness

In honor of World Polio Day, which is widely recognized on October 24, Rotary International District 7410 Clubs in the 10 counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania will conduct fundraisers and public awareness activities as part of Rotary's 26-year mission to eradicate the crippling childhood disease polio.

Over the past 26 years, clubs in District 7410 have raised more than a half million dollars to defeat polio.

Since 1985, all of Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. The disease remains endemic in four countries - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan - although other countries remain at risk for imported cases.

A highly infectious disease, polio causes paralysis and is sometimes fatal. As there is no cure, the best protection is prevention. For as little as 60 cents worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

After an international investment of more than \$8 billion and the successful engagement of more than 200 countries and 20 million volunteers, polio could be the first human disease of the 21st century to be eradicated.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It includes the support of governments and other private sector donors.

Rotarians in district 7410 invite the public to support the polio eradication initiative by visiting www.rotary.org/endpolio.

For further information visit, www.rotary.org or www.polioeradication.org.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: "If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia."

- The world's most popular fruit is the banana. In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.

- Thomas Jefferson was an inventor as well as a statesman, but he refused to take out patents on any of his ideas. He believed that inventions should benefit all of humanity, not just himself.

- According to those who study such things, the average American believes the ideal age - that is, the best year of his or her life - is 32. And when 30-somethings are asked when old age begins, the majority of men say it's in the late 60s, while more women believe old age begins in the 70s.

- That iconic symbol of the Old West, the Pony Express, was based on the mail system used throughout the Mongol Empire in the 13th century. However, the Mongol riders often covered 125 miles in a single day, which was faster than the best record held by a Pony Express rider.

- In Nazi Germany, it was illegal to name a horse "Adolph."
- Unless you're from Central Florida, you've probably never heard of the small town of Ocoee. So you might be surprised to learn that during World War II, Ocoee earned the distinction of sending more men, per capita, to serve in the military than any other town in the United States.

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Thought for the day: "It ought to be plain / how little you gain / by getting excited / and vexed. / You'll always be late / for the previous train, / and always in time / for the next." - Piet Hein



YOUR SPACE

Jill Spencer, of Meeker Road in Lehman, shot this photo of a scene in someone's back yard while she was walking around Lake Nuangola.

"YOUR SPACE" is reserved specifically for Dallas Post readers who have something they'd like to share with fellow readers.

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Information must include the submitting person's name, address and telephone number in the event we have questions. Readers wishing to have their photos returned

should include a self-addressed/stamped envelope. Items will be published in the order in which they are received.

The editor of The Dallas Post reserves the right to reject any items submitted for publication.

20 YEARS AGO - 1991

Dallas cheerleaders Tami Landon, Wendy Vaughn and Ginger Williams will be among an American contingent who will show off their skills during a trip to England later this year. And Jamie Maniskas will try out for position training cheer-



ONLY YESTERDAY

leaders across the nation. The Harvey's Lake Women's Service Club recently awarded scholarships to three outstanding seniors from Lake-Lehman High School. Recipient of a \$500 cash scholarship is Robin Smigielski. Christopher Kocher and Michelle Richardson received \$100 scholarship savings bonds.

30 YEARS AGO - 1981

Mrs. Nancy Bossart, Circle Drive, Dallas, recently completed her 100-mile swim in the American Red Cross Swim and Stay Fit Program. Mrs. Bossart swam an average of 2 miles a day at the Irem Temple Country Club. She also participated in the Swim-A-Cross by swimming 100 consecutive laps for the Red Cross fundraising

event.

40 YEARS AGO - 1971

Members of the Trucksville farm team finished in first place in the Back Mountain Farm League with a record of five wins and two losses. Members of the team are: J. Adams, G. O'Neill, J. Harris, M. Sutton, K. Coombs, R. Shoemaker, M. O'Neill, K. Coombs, K. Coombs, C. Evans, K. Sitkowski, D. Parsons, A. Gordon, C. Hislop, R. Aams, M. Fisher, B. Smith and J. Saraka.

A Shavertown resident, John Baur, has been selected as the West Side chairman of the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center's 1971-1972 membership campaign which will be held later this month.

50 YEARS AGO - 1961

Four new teachers have been added to the faculty of Lake-Lehman Schools which opened last week for the fall term. Benjamin Jenkins joins that staff as a history instructor. Mrs. Janet Reynolds is instructor of health and girls' physical education. Carl J. Vassia teaches Junior High School, social studies and geography. Mitchell J. Czoch, Jr. is teaching at Noxen building. Residents of Huntsville Road, Franklin Street and oth-

er nearby areas have protested that the playground at Dallas Borough School is becoming a nuisance because children unaware of the rights of others play there boisterously on Sundays. Residents who have lived in the area of the school for more than twenty years say that they have never been previously disturbed but this summer the vulgar language and the screaming of the children disturbs the neighborhood.

60 YEARS AGO - 1951

Margaret Robinson, West Dallas, is in bed with a broken nose and multiple bruises, sustained Tuesday afternoon when she fell head-first down ten concrete steps, landing on her face. Mrs. Robinson had just delivered a dog to Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Neuman, Pennsylvania Avenue, and had turned to leave the porch when she missed her footing.

Twelve members of the book club cleaned the new annex to Back Mountain Memorial Library Wednesday morning, putting the place in order from window washing to arrangement of dishes and silver. They were: Mesdames Fred Howell, H.W. Smith, Herbert A. Smith, Jr., Gerald Dettmore, Harry Stuhlmuller, Harold Flack, Reston Sturdevant, David

Schmerer, Dan Robinhold, Raymond Kuhnert, Mary Thomas and Thomas Graham.

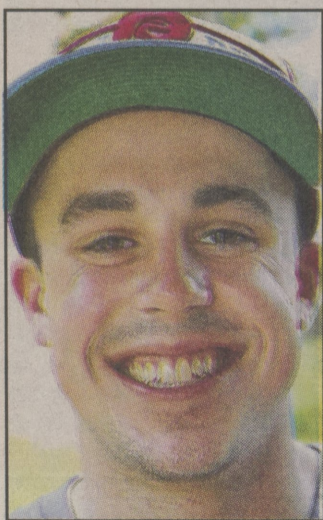
70 YEARS AGO - 1941

The winning team of the Lehman Methodist Church choir in their contest to improve attendance at choir practices and church services, were guests of the losing team at a lovely dinner held in the church Tuesday evening. The winners, headed by Miss Elizabeth Abbott, furnished the entertainment and the losers, led by Hayden Ambrose, the dinner.

Women of the Rotary enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Moses Van Campen Hotel at Benton last evening. Present were: Mrs. Marguerite Nicholson, Mrs. Fredericka Breslin, Mrs. Gertrude Bodycomb, Mrs. Alberta Garinger, Mrs. Mary Dick, Mrs. Claire Warriner, Mrs. Louise Brown, Mrs. Grace Richardson, Mrs. Jean Richards, Mrs. Laska Jurcak, Mrs. Maude Yeisley, Mrs. George Metz, Mrs. Irene Monk and Mrs. R.A. Williamson.

Information for "Only Yesterday" is taken from past issues of The Dallas Post which is 122 years old. The information is printed here exactly as it appeared in the newspaper years ago.

"WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU HEARD THE NEWS OF THE 9/11 TRAGEDY?"



"I was in fifth grade at Dallas. I remember going home and being scared but couldn't comprehend it."

Matt Alles
Dallas



"At Dallas High School in chorus. Everyone called family and friends."

Matthew Brennan
Dallas



"At work in Allentown. I was angry and offended that we were attacked after all the good this country has done."

Paul Detwiler
Kingston



"I was in my house and saw it on TV. I was surprised and called everyone."

Cindy Parsons
Hunlock Creek



"In college, in history class at LCCC. I was in shock."

Liz Rogowski
Pikes Creek



"I was working in Nanticoke and I thought it was just some accident that happened."

Lisa Handley
Shavertown