



Upcoming Events:

Friday, June 14 @ Cob & Pen 12:00PM

Tiffany Ervin, speaker and TV/radio host

Friday, June 21 @ Cob & Pen 12:00PM

Bill Beasley, Polk County Manager

S4TL Rap Sessions

We are looking for Rotarians to participate in the upcoming S4TL Rap Sessions at Florida Southern, **Tue 6/18-Thu 6/20**. If interested or need further details, please contact Lee Earls. Our Club was "assigned" Wed 6/19 but if your schedule permits attending Tue or Thu instead, please do so. It's a wonderful experience to be around the young leaders of today and tomorrow and share Rotary, you maybe inspiring a future Member or Club Member of an Interact or Rotaract in their respective schools.

**WHAT IS A "RAP SESSION"?**

A "rap session" is an informal discussion group (usually about 18-25 attendees) comprised of first year delegates, Junior Staff members, and visiting Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs participating in the Seminar this year. These sessions are held during the week, immediately following the luncheon in rooms designated for that purpose. There will be one "rap session" daily Tuesday through Thursday beginning at 1:45 P.M. and adjourning at 3:30 P.M. Rotarians will register at the Alumni Center second floor sign-in area by 10:30 A.M. to assure ample time for orientation and welcome by the reception committee.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A "RAP SESSION"?**

The purpose of a "rap session" is to provide an opportunity for high school delegates attending the Seminar to interact with outstanding business and professional men and women from Rotary in the discussion of subjects and topics of personal material interest.

The exchange of ideas, opinions, experiences, thoughts, advice, and philosophy, in a setting of relaxed, open opportunity, has been most beneficial to all participants (delegates and Rotarians alike!).

Arrive: 10:30 A.M. Introductions: 12:00 P.M. Lunch: 12:15 P.M.

Briefing: 1:15 P.M. Rap Sessions: 1:45 P.M. Adjourn: 3:30 P.M.

# Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



President-Elect Kevin McWilliams and Secretary-Elect Tina Witty traveled to Hamburg, Germany to attend the Rotary International Convention. Stay tuned for when they share their stories of this year's convention!



# Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Rotary International holds an International Convention annually in various locations throughout the world. Typically, anywhere from 15,000-40,000 are in attendance. Each Convention has an Opening and Closing ceremony that resembles the Olympics, in addition to a House of Friendship, General Sessions, Breakout Sessions and keynote speakers, plus various cultural and recreational events befitting the Host country.

Future RI Conventions, usually held in the month of June are scheduled in order for Honolulu, Taipei, and Houston. RI Conventions are open to all and you won't be disappointed if you attend.

We reached out to past presidents to see what they had to say about their convention....

My Rotary convention was in the far-off exotic land of Philadelphia, PA.

I actually had a choice of Seoul or Philly because when I was President-Elect-Elect, President-Elect Jack West decided his work duties would prevent him from serving, so I moved up

Being a picky eater, I knew I would never find anything to eat in South Korea, so I chose Philly & the late Herb Overstreet went to Seoul.

He & his wife took a side trip to China & got caught up in the Tiananmen Square turmoil & feared he would not get out, but he managed.

As for my trip, it was mind boggling to see people from around the world bound together by the common goals of Rotary.

Ron O'Connor

I was privileged to attend the 2002 Convention in Barcelona, Spain, a beautiful city itself but I remember among others that Mikhail Gorbachev from the Soviet Union spoke, and this was not so long after President Reagan's "Tear down that wall." speech. I also attended the 2017 Convention in Atlanta in which Bill Gates was a keynote speaker.

Lee Earls

The convention that I attended was held in Lisbon in late June 2013. It was a terrific experience and one that I recommend to all Rotarians. You meet so many interesting people from all over the world, and in my case, saw a part of the world I have never been to before.

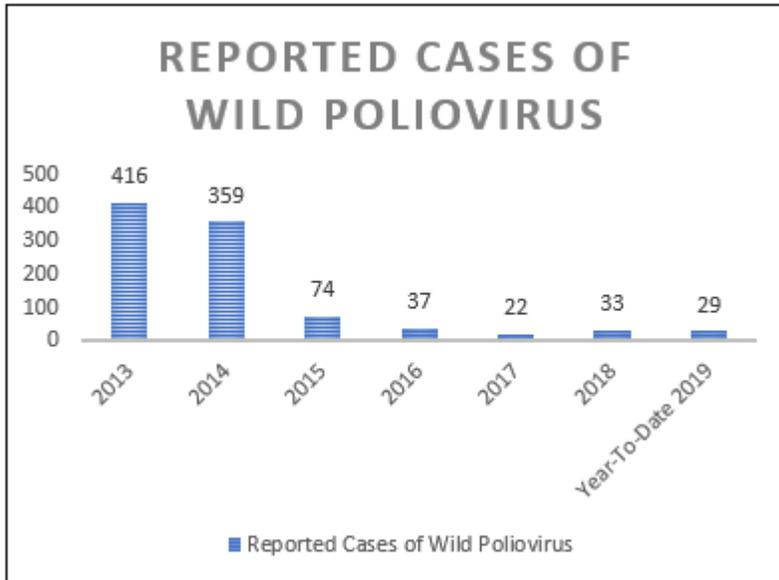
The one thing that happened that was unexpected was the Portuguese trade unions staged a general strike beginning the day right after the convention concluded. This strike affected flights in and out of Lisbon and shut down the metro. There was real doubt whether I would get to the airport much less get back to the states that day.

I was able to make it to the airport early as the taxis were operating as usual. However, once at the airport, there was much confusion as to what flights were cancelled, and the monitors throughout the airport weren't much help. I had to stay on my toes and really pay attention. About two hours after scheduled departure, I saw that my flight was scheduled to leave and it was time to board. We got out of Lisbon and back to Newark with plenty of time to spare for my flight from Newark to Tampa.

Jim Noullet

# Other News

## POLIO UPDATE



There were 7 new cases of Poliovirus the past couple weeks, 6 in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan. There have been 29 reported cases of wild Poliovirus year to date in 2019, 21 in Pakistan and 8 in Afghanistan. There were 12 cases reported this time last year (9 in Afghanistan and 3 in Pakistan).

## Birthdays

June 7	Nis Nissen
June 8	Amanda Brice
June 15	Daniel Fox
June 16	Cory Alvarez
June 27	Rick Bernard
June 28	Kara Simm

## Rotary Anniversaries

June 1	Steve Carey
June 1	Bob Ettensohn
June 1	Art Rowbotham
June 6	Mark Porter



### Last week.....

Our guest speaker last week was Ileana Kniss, Director of Development and Community Relations at Peace River center for Personal Development. Ileana explained the various programs and services offered by Peace River Center and how they can help members of our community struggling with mental illness.

## Let us know what you think!

Wish the newsletter would include information that it currently doesn't? Is there a club project or other club developments that you would like an update on? Is there any information in the newsletter that you don't think needs to be included anymore? Email Leighann at [leighanndavis7@hotmail.com](mailto:leighanndavis7@hotmail.com) with your feedback!