



**Welcome to our August 26th 2013 meeting
We are glad you are here!**

**Bingo: Jay Falls
Health & Happiness: Kevin DiBella**

**Prayer/Pledge: Kathy Gallman
Sgt.-at-Arms: Fred Spach**

Our Program Today

BUTLER STUDIO

“Butler Studios – Curt Butler”

**September 2nd – Labor Day Holiday – No Meeting
September 9th – Cognition / Marketing & Advertising Firm – Jason Mink
September 16th – Muddy River Distillery – Caroline & Robbie Delaney**



“Happy Birthday”

**Barry Wright – August 28th
T.J. Solomon – September 2nd**



“Happy Club Anniversary”

**Al Juhl – 8 years
Craig Lowry – 6 years
John Pea – 16 years
Carmen Schultz – 5 years
Rachael Wruble – 3 years**



Do you know who to ask if you have a question, suggestion or comment?

John Pea – President -704-865-1663	Karl McKinnon – President - Elect - 704-866-6903
Carmen Schultz – Treasurer – 704-616-2279	Bill Moore – Secretary- 704-865-4400
David Fogarty – Immediate Past President – 704-823-8657	Kent Huggins – Asst. Sec-Treasurer - 704-865-2479
Lew Carter – Rotary Foundation – 704-884-3570	Bernardo Porter – Membership – 704-864-0068
Veronica Feduniec – Community Service – 704-874-3312	Kelly Morris – International Service - 704-852-3222
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Jennie Stultz – Education Initiative – 704-865-7770	Michael Scott – Rotary Ramble – 704-867-1210
John Watts – Rotary Ramble – 704-864-2685	Randy Riley – Club Trainer – 704-905-1955
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To contact fellow club members and to view a club membership database, visit: <https://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/>. Log-on with your email address. If you have not changed your password, it will be your last name.

The individuals listed below are responsible for the Prayer/Pledge and calling Bingo on the assigned dates. **If you cannot attend on the date requested, please delegate your responsibility to another club member.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prayer/Pledge</u>	<u>Bingo</u>	<u>Sgt.at Arms</u>	<u>Health & Happiness</u>
September 2 nd	Labor Day Holiday – No meeting			
September 9 th	Luke Ellington	Rachael Wruble	T.J Wilson	Sheree Hall
September 16 th	Michael Scott	Skip Bradley	David Smith	Sheree Hall
September 23 rd	John Stanley	Jerry Clemmons	Kirk Setzer	
September 30 th	Jennie Stultz	Page Morgan	Janet Sarn	Sheree Hall

Rotary Foundation

Behind the news: The recent polio outbreak in the Horn of Africa

From <http://polioeradication.org/>

A polio-free world is closer than ever to becoming a reality, despite the current outbreak affecting the Horn of Africa that has paralyzed 105 children. Reading the news lately, you’d be forgiven for thinking that the outbreak spells disaster for the program – but don’t be misled.

“Before these cases in the Horn of Africa, the end of the multibillion-dollar effort appeared to be in sight,” reported National Public Radio. “The Somali outbreak is now forcing UNICEF, the WHO and other international agencies to dedicate vast resources to boost polio vaccination coverage throughout East Africa and parts of the Middle East. Those are resources that can’t be used to attack the virus in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria — which appeared, until now, to be the last few places where polio had a foothold.”

This is not entirely the case. The Washington Post explains, “The outbreak is not likely to derail the global campaign for eradication.”

“Until polio transmission is interrupted in the endemic countries, outbreaks such as the one in Somalia are to be expected,” explains Dr Hamid Jafari, Director of Polio Research and Operations at the World Health Organization. “So long as the budget for the new Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan is fully funded, we’re well-equipped to pursue endemic and outbreak priorities simultaneously.”

The new Strategic Plan is yet to be fully funded. While the funds are in place to deal with the current outbreak, it is important that the rest of the funds are committed if future outbreaks aren’t to pull resources from the incredibly important task of ending polio in the three remaining endemic countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Until polio is stopped in these three countries, the global community will have to accept that outbreaks such as the one in Somalia are going to occur. “This is one of the reasons why we’ve been asking for the funding up front – so that we have the resources to continue our operations in the polio endemic countries and deal with any new outbreaks,” concludes Dr. Jafari.