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Health & Happiness: Alex Mullineaux

Sgt.-at-Arms: Page Morgan

Welcome to our October 16 meeting We are glad you are here!



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Past District
Governor
Luther Moore

October Birthdays

Skip Bradley – 8
Steve Eaton – 17
Joel Long – 31
Gene Matthews – 24
Bill Moore – 22
Adam Queler – 25



October Club Anniversaries (Years)

Edie Hancock	8
Jeffrey Howe	17
Bill Moore	17
Alex Mullineaux	5
Lindsay Nelson	1
Randy Riley	11
Beaux Schaffner	1



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Morgan Rhoney, President	Jennifer Purdee, Sargent-at-Arms	Lindsay Nelson, Membership
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Prayer/Pledge</u>	<u>Bingo</u>	<u>Sgt.at Arms</u>	<u>Health & Happiness</u>
October 23	Kevin DiBella	Edie Hancock	Walter Gray	Alex Mullineaux
October 30	Kevin DiBella	Edie Hancock	Kent Huggins	Alex Mullineaux
November 13	John Pea	Ed Jackson	Mike Stanforth	Jesse Cole

Upcoming Events

October 23	On Eagles Wings (Child Trafficking)	Lori Voccaro
October 30	Gastonia East Talks	
November 13	Our Foundation	Mike Stanforth
November 27	Winners of Gastonia East Scholarships	Dr. Pat Skinner

Pakistan and Nigeria replace paper-based reporting with fast, accurate cellphone messaging

Mobile phones and simple text messaging may be the keys to victory in the world's largest public health initiative: the eradication of polio.

As the disease retreats from the global stage, thriving in only a few remote areas in three countries, it's up to health workers to deliver vaccines and share information with speed and accuracy.

Health workers in Pakistan are receiving cellphone and e-monitoring training at the Rotary Resource Center in Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Rotary and its partners in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) are strengthening the lines of communication by giving cellphones to health workers in Pakistan and Nigeria, where a single text message could save a life.

In Pakistan, Rotary has been working to replace traditional paper-based reporting of maternal and child health information, including polio immunization data, with mobile phone and e-monitoring technology.

Community health workers across the nation have received more than 800 phones through a partnership with Rotary, the Pakistani government; Telenor, the country's second-largest telecommunications provider; and Eycon, a data monitoring and evaluation specialist. Organizers plan to distribute a total of 5,000 cellphones by the end of 2018.

Health workers can use the phones to send data via text message to a central server. If they see a potential polio case, they can immediately alert officials at Pakistan's National Emergency Operations Center. They also can note any children who didn't receive the vaccine or parental refusals – and record successful immunizations. In Pakistan, the polio eradication effort aims to reach the nation's 35 million children under age five.

The result is a collection of real-time information that officials can easily monitor and assess, says Michel Thieren, regional emergency director of the World Health Organization's Health Emergency Program.

Pakistan health workers are replacing traditional paper-reporting with accurate and timely cellphone-based reporting.

"Cellphone technology signals tremendous progress in the polio eradication program," says Thieren, who has directed polio-related initiatives for WHO in Pakistan. "The data we collect needs to have such a granular level of detail. With real-time information that can be recorded and transcribed immediately, you can increase accuracy and validity.

"This gives governments and polio eradication leaders an advantage in the decisions we need to make operationally and tactically to eliminate polio," Thieren says.

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