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Prayer/Pledge: John Pea

Health & Happiness: Jesse Cole

Sgt.-at-Arms: Mike Stanforth

Welcome to our November 13 meeting
We are glad you are here!

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Mike Stanforth

November Birthdays

Steve D'Avria – 1
Jim Funderburk – 14
Stephen Hannon – 4
Phil Jamison – 3
Kirk Setzer – 24
Julian Timmons – 20



November Club Anniversaries (Years)

Bo Abernethy	36
Julia Allen	5
John Collier	20
Phillip Coyle	36
Steve D'Avria	4
Veronica Feduniec	7
Nancy Paschall	22
Jason Ramey	4
TJ Solomon	36
Jennie Stultz	27
Ronald Sytz	29
Barron Wright	38



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The individuals listed below are responsible for Rotary Meeting service 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>
November 27	Richard Akers	Ed Jackson	Mike Stanforth	Jesse Cole
December 4	Jennifer Purdee	Barry Wright	Monte Monteleone	Kelly Morris
December 11	Jennifer Purdee	Barry Wright	Monte Monteleone	Kelly Morris

Upcoming Events

November 27	Winners of Gastonia East Scholarships	Dr. Pat Skinner
December 4	Annual Wine Raffle & Wine 101	Chris McCallister
December 11	Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden	Patrick Larkin, Exec. Director
December 18	Christmas Event	

'Breathe' details life of British polio survivor Robin Cavendish, who contracted the disease in Kenya in 1958

As Rotary prepares to celebrate World Polio Day on 24 October, an inspiring new film depicting the devastating impact of polio is hitting theaters.

Andrew Garfield and Claire Foy star in the love story "[Breathe](#)," now playing in select U.S. theaters and scheduled for wider release over the next month. The movie tells the story of British polio survivor Robin Cavendish, who contracted the disease in Kenya in 1958.

At the age of 28, he was paralyzed from the neck down, confined to a hospital bed with a respirator, and given just months to live.

However, with the encouragement and help of his wife, Diana, Robin was able to leave the hospital and spend the rest of his life advocating for people with disabilities and popularizing a new wheelchair with a built-in respirator. People were frightened by polio. People would shout at us in the street complaining about my father being in a wheelchair when he should have been in the hospital.

Rotary is working with the film's producer, Robin and Diana's son, Jonathan Cavendish, to promote the organization's work to eradicate polio.

Speaking at the film's European premiere in London, Jonathan, who is featured in the movie, described Breathe as "probably the most expensive home movie ever made."

"The message of this film is that you can achieve anything if you have the right people around you," he said. "If you put everything into your relationship and really go for it, life will start looking rosier and better."

Jonathan joined Eve Conway, vice chair of Rotary International's End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign Committee for Europe, for a question-and-answer session with the audience after the film's screening in Leicester Square to launch the London Film Festival.

"The thing to remember about the 1960s is that we were all frightened about the things we didn't know," Jonathan said.

"Nobody had ever met anybody with that degree of disability. People were frightened by polio. People would shout at us in the street complaining about my father being in a wheelchair when he should have been in the hospital. Can you imagine that?"

"However, my dad was a very nice, inspirational, and charming man — something which has been captured in the film. My dad wanted to put everyone else at ease and imbued that spirit with other disabled people who he encouraged to move out of the hospital."

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