



# THE WEST BANK ROTATOR

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June 22  
2010



President Kent Alimia

## NEWS:

Annual Installation Party  
Saturday, June 26th  
Timberlane Country Club

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear Rotarians,

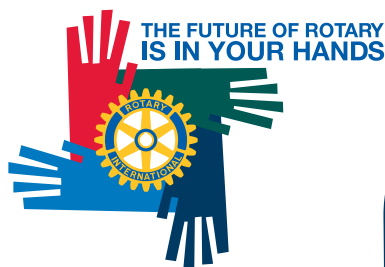
The month of June is almost over and that brings the end of my term as President. It has gone by very quick and I have definitely enjoyed my experience. We just had the last board meeting and it was both sad and a relief. I was sad because it went by so fast and I was relieved because now I can go to a meeting and just watch and listen. On the other hand, I think Tommy is feeling the same thing that I felt at this time last year and that is nervous and anxious about his next year.

Also don't forget that the **Annual Installation Banquet** is scheduled for Saturday the 26th and you should have received your invitation in the mail. Please mail back the RSVP card so that we can get an accurate count of how many people will be attending.

Sincerely,  
Kent



The following announcement can be seen in the ROTARIAN magazine: The Rotarian magazine is looking for New Orleans-based club and district volunteer projects that we can direct convention attendees to -- either before or after the 2011 RI Convention, which will be from May 21 to 25 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. If you have a project you'd like to let us know about, please e-mail [Rotarian@rotary.org](mailto:Rotarian@rotary.org) by 21 June.



**"Really great people make you feel that you, too,  
can become great."**

**- Mark Twain**

# Rotary Club of the West Bank

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## TIME

Tuesday @ 12:15 PM  
Gretna United Methodist  
1309 Whitney Avenue  
Gretna, Louisiana  
[www.RotaryWestBank.org](http://www.RotaryWestBank.org)

## PROGRAM CHAIRS

July 6 | Carl Orgeron  
July 13 | Gene Ducote  
July 20 | Travis Eden  
July 27 | John Centanni

## BIRTHDAYS

Not available

## TODAY'S MENU

Not available

## 1/2 & 1/2 Winner:

\$40 | Bob Skinner

## WEEKLY MEETING

### GUEST SPEAKER

At our meeting on June 22, 2010, **Garey Alimia** will introduce our guest speaker with **AT&T** who will talk about U-verse TV coming to Jefferson Parish.

### LUNCH GUESTS

Robert Voss guest of Bob Weileman  
Emily Jones guest of Charles Jones  
Charles Jones IV guest of Charles Jones  
BJ Scoacca guest of Tony Sciacca  
Maria Rameriz guest of Mario Rameriz

### ABSENT

Brothers, Carr, Couvillon, Cruze, Dandry-Mayes, deBlanc, Deleon, Derscheid, Ch. Dunbar, Co. Dunbar, Eden, Edwards, Gassen, Gauthreaux, Gegenheimer, Grady, Graff, Gueringer, Heiden, Heron, Hummel, Kimbro, Leonard, Lupin, Molaison, Ramirez, Roberts, Rutledge, Scheuermann, Stephens, Stumpf, Sullivan, Templet.

## Officers:

Kent Alimia	<b>President</b>
Tom Marshall	<b>President-Elect</b>
Tony Sciacca	<b>Vice-President</b>
Rob Folse	<b>Secretary</b>
Bob Weileman	<b>Treasurer</b>
Corey Dunbar	<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>
John Centanni, Jr.	<b>Imm. Past President</b>

## Directors:

Jennifer Stansbury Rizzo	<b>Club Services</b>
Gloria Lanoux	<b>Community Service</b>
Larry Brothers	<b>International Service</b>
Michael Marcello	<b>Vocational Service</b>

## Foundation Board:

Jack Stumpf	<b>President</b>
Charlie Jones, III	<b>Vice President</b>
Bubby Gauthreaux	<b>Treasurer</b>
Kurt Gassen	<b>Secretary</b>

## Rotary International Convention in Montréal

June 20 – 23, 2010.



20-23 JUIN/JUNE **MONTREAL 2010**  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



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## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

### Group Study Exchange (GSE)

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

For each team member, the Foundation provides the most economical round-trip airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

**Roy Gattuso** spoke to the club about the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program.



## JOKE TIME

### Airline Funnies (part II)

9. "As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."
10. "Last one off the plane must clean it."
11. From the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry... Unfortunately none of them are on this flight..."
12. Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day. During the final approach, the captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant came on the PA and announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"
13. Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."
14. An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no, Ma'am," said the pilot, "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"
15. After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the flight attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."
16. Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."

## KICK POLIO OUT OF AFRICA

After more than 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating polio, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions. Our goal is to make polio only the second disease to be wiped off the face of the earth.

In the lead-up to the FIFA World Cup in South Africa this summer, Rotary members across Africa are gearing up for the final push to kick polio out of the continent. In February, Rotary launched its “Kick Polio Out of Africa” awareness campaign with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, himself afflicted with polio as a child.

From Cape Town, one of the host cities to the 2010 World Cup, the ball is traveling through 22 polio-affected countries to Egypt, en route to the Rotary International Convention in Montréal, Canada, in June. The journey is being underwritten by DHL Express.

During the ball’s four-month journey from the southern tip of the continent to Alexandria, Egypt, Rotary clubs in polio-affected African countries are organizing football-related awareness events to mobilize the public for Pan-African mass immunizations this spring.

Former South African President Nelson Mandela, in his 1996 address at the Organization for African Unity Summit, formally kicked off the “Kick Polio Out of Africa” campaign. “We are calling on the continent’s football players to bring their enormous influence to this campaign,” Mandela said. “Only unified efforts which galvanize whole societies towards these goals will succeed in kicking this virus, that looks so much like a football, out of Africa and eventually, out of the world.”

Your support of the “Kick Polio Out of Africa” campaign will help support the effort to end polio forever. Signatures gathered online will be presented to the leadership of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners as a show of global support for the campaign. All donations will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million supports immunization campaigns in countries where polio continues to infect and paralyze children.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. By donating now, you can help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.



Visit <http://www.kickpoliooutofafrica.org/> to learn more about Kicking Polio Out of Africa.

For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against polio for life.

## ABOUT POLIO

Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. Polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children, in countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death—it often advances within hours and is almost always irreversible. Because there is no cure, the best protection is prevention.

Since 1988, Rotary International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)—the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—have worked to end polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$900 million and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than 2 billion children. Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the world has seen polio cases plummet by more than 99 percent, preventing five million instances of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2009, fewer than 1,700 cases were reported worldwide.