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Rotary Club of Apex

"SERVICE Above Self"

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## APEX ROTARY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 12, 2009

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The following is a quote from a personal eulogy given by a past member of the Apex Rotary Club for a deceased member at gravesite. A concept by which we members should all abide.

"For those of us who remain, and especially for our fellow Rotarians, we should always be mindful of this life well lived, a life of service above self, a life in which service to God, service to country and service to family was an unending mantra. Would that we all live such a life!"

The Basics

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**Attendance:** 41 Apex Members

**Rotarian Visitors:** Bill Rousseau, Holly Springs & Fred Papa, The Cary Club.

**Guests:** Heather Herring (Karen Byrd).

**Inducted:** Next induction scheduled for April.

**Makeups:** Malinski, Lovas, Rackley, Cicero, Kearns, Abernethy & Maddox.

**Speaker:** Jay Summers & Lindy Bravo, The Wheresoever Ministries. Wheresoever Ministries began in 2001 with "GO" journeys to many different nations, including Mozambique, Malawi, Macedonia, Turkey, Iceland, Nigeria, Sumatra, Latvia, Norway, Finland, Korea, Canada, and Mauritius. They have been invited to minister in Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, England, Mexico, Germany, Croatia, Australia, and New Zealand. Wheresoever Ministries is non-denominational and funded entirely by donations and grants. Jay Summers, a local builder and Lindy Bravo, one of the founders of the Ministry, gave a slide presentation on a recent mission to Mozambique where their focus was on upgrading a village's water system. For more information, [click here](#).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

**March 12th- Rotary on the Road.** Lunch at 12:30 at Carabbas as usual and then a site visit at the Rex Healthcare facility in Apex, hosted by Rotarian Kathy Gill.

**March 20, 2009 - Casino Night Membership Spectacular:** Featuring a Friday night full of fun, food and fellowship, including awards and special presentations, exhibits from all aspects of Rotary and casino games of all kinds. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. *PRIZES NEEDED. DEALERS NEEDED.* Contact Karen Byrd at khbcpa@byrdyates.com for more information.

**Remember!!!!** District 7710 Conference in Wilmington is April 24-26, 2009 at the Hilton Riverside. Registration will be available soon on the District Website.

**Charlie Holland** is still doing very well.

**Paul Harris Fellow:** There are Enough points available for 9 PHFs if you are interested in getting your PHF this year. You contribute half, \$500, and the District will match your contribution.

**February 14, 2009** - Stop Hunger Now Million Meal Event at the Apex Baptist Church **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

**September 20, 2009 (NEW DATE)** - Apex Rotary's Stop Hunger Now Million Meal Event - Apex Methodist Church. Details to follow.

**Margie Maddox's Journey to India**

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Our Club Secretary, Margie Maddox (pictured here) and her husband, Marvin joined 43 other Rotarians from around the world to participate in the 'National Immunization Day' (NID) event in India (February 1, 2009). Rotary International continues to be a catalyst for this project since its inception in 1985. While polio has been eradicated in America and Western Europe, it remains endemic in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Although the India Government adopted the National Immunization Days in 1995, Rotarians remain involved in this project providing \$650 million worldwide (with \$86.97 million being targeted for India alone). In January 2009, the Gates Foundation another commitment of \$255 million as a challenge grant to Rotary.

There are three types of polio virus and primarily, type V2 has been eradicated in India. The virus (V1 and V3) targets children under the age of five, and the Rotarians Internationally have been involved in the attempt to vaccinate every child and eliminate this disease as soon as possible. It is estimated that there are 183 million children needing to be vaccinated throughout India this year. The main areas of polio cases remain in Bihar and U.P., but the entire country is targeted in this effort.

The Maddoxes were hosted by the Rotary Club of Chandigarh which is in northern India. Paired with local Rotarians,

health care workers and other volunteers, the Maddoxes initially helped to administer the polio oral vaccine at several of the 55 booths located throughout the city. Each child receives two drops of the vaccine orally, and then the little finger of the left hand is marked for identification. Because the Maddoxes were wearing bright yellow vests and hats, and are both fair-haired Americans, many of the children came to the booths just to investigate the 'strangers' who were there. The younger children often stood in line with their mouths open waiting for the drops to be administered, while the infants needed some coaxing to assist in opening their mouths to receive the drops. Additionally, the Maddoxes distributed stickers to the children once the vaccine had been administered, and often the children were seen later wearing the stickers on their foreheads or the backs of their hands.

During this one day (February 1, 2009), it is estimated that over 350,000 children were vaccinated throughout India. During the next two days, the teams again returned to the streets to vaccinate children. This time, the teams went door-to-door looking for any children who might have been missed. Sometimes it was an infant less than a week old, and other times it was a child at the local school playing outside. Little fingers on the left hand were checked, families were questioned and drops administered. The health workers maintained a careful recording of every child and every family as the team traveled through some of the poorest sections of the town. Margie was the person responsible for drop administration and Marvin was the 'little finger marker', so together they were quite a team. They vaccinated roughly 200 children themselves during this three (3) day event.

In an area with a huge population, poor sanitation conditions and a large migratory work force, polio remains a problem. So far this year, only three (3) cases have been found, but the year is still very young. The polio virus often causes paralysis and can add difficulty to the lives of these children who already face numerous problems. Margie reflected back on this experience: "When you look into the beautiful faces of these young children with their huge brown eyes staring back at you, you know why you traveled all this way to be a part of this once in a life time experience." The theme this year was to have this be 'the last year for polio in India', and thanks to the Rotarians Internationally, this may soon become a reality if not today.

Margie will be sharing more about this experience at a future club meeting. She will have pictures and other items from India to share related to this great humanitarian project that Rotary International has supported for over twenty years.

Special Notes

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**Make Ups:** Please remember to submit all make- up notifications to the Club Secretary as soon as you can. They can be submitted two weeks before and/or two weeks after a missed meeting.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** We are always excited about having guests and visiting Rotarians to our weekly meetings. Please share the names of your guests with the Club Secretary each week. We do keep a record of who attends and this information will help with the book keeping.

**Using the Microphone:** Whenever you are speaking to the Club, whether it be as a speaker, making announcements or any other address to the Club, please come forward and use the microphone. Not only are there hearing impaired members, there is the problem with the Restaurant's kitchen fans blasting away so that the tables near the kitchen miss half or more of what you will say. Some of you feel you have loud voices. What you do not know is that when you start off, it's fine but as you go on, your voice gets lower and softer. You don't hear it but we do. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Apex Rotary Member Database Update:** You can update your personal data as follows:

1. Go to [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org).
2. Click on "Membership"
3. Insert your email address (the one you used when you joined). In "Password", enter your Rotary ID number leaving out the first zero digit and click "Login".
4. Go to "Members" (top left) and click on "View My Data". It will automatically find your file.
5. Click on "Edit Member" and update your data.
6. On completion, at the very bottom of your data file, Click on "Update".

**The weekly newsletter** can now be viewed on our web site [www.apexrotary.org](http://www.apexrotary.org), click on "Newsletters". The file is in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).>

**Speaker Schedule** is now posted on the Club's web site <http://www.apexrotary.org>. Click on "Club Documents and then on the "Speaker Schedule 2007-2008". The file is in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).

**Apex Rotary Web Site News:** Click on the **NEW** "[Club Documents](#)" link on the Apex Rotary web site to see and have the option to download & print forms and copies of important club documents. The files are in PDF format and you will need to have [Acrobat Reader](#) installed. If you do not have it, download it free at [Acrobat Reader](#).

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