

WHEEL TALK



ROTARY CLUB OF ABBEVILLE

July 29, 2009

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mr. Wayne Mouton

Last Week's Program: Don Chauvin

Badge Drawing Winner: Don Chauvin

Lotto Winner: None

Club Guests:

Justin Martin—Meridional

Visiting Rotarians: None

Rotarians with Guest:

None

REMINDERS !

- ♦ August 8, 2009 Membership/Foundation Seminars for District 6200 to be held at Heymann Performing Arts Center, 1373 S. College Road, Lafayette, LA 70503

SPOTLIGHT GUEST SPEAKER:

Wayne has been a volunteer firefighter for the last 18 years serving the community of Erath. Currently and for the past 5 years he has been the Chief of the Fire Department in Erath. He has received EMT training and specialty training in HAZMAT emergencies. He continues to train new firemen to ensure the safety of the volunteers and ensure professional service to the public. Wayne is a teacher at Erath High School and coaches soccer in his spare time. He also has assisted Rotarian Mark Shirley with 4H Marsh Maneuvers camps and other coastal restoration projects involving the youth of our parish.

PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN COLABORATE TO END POLIO

Health officials from Pakistan and Afghanistan endorsed joint strategies for stopping cross-border transmission of the poliovirus during a 10-11 February meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan. "We need to consider Pakistan and Afghanistan as one block when it comes to fighting polio," said Dr. Altaf Bosan, head of Pakistan's polio eradication program, during the meeting. "Our issues and challenges are the same, and thus their solutions are similar." The meeting also included representatives from three of the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative -- the World Health Organization, Rotary International, and UNICEF -- and other nongovernmental organizations. Among the participants were national PolioPlus committee chairs Abdul Haiy Khan of Pakistan and Dr. Ajmal Pardis of Afghanistan. An important outcome of the meeting was an agreement to improve the condition and visibility of vaccination posts at border crossings. Dr. Rasheed Jooma, Pakistan's director-general of health, identified several strategies for achieving that objective, including: • Joint appointment of community influencers to overcome security issues, • Microplanning of immunization efforts and mapping of border areas by the two countries, • Regular contact between health officials and exchange of technical data, • Assessing the need for new vaccination posts in border areas. The agreement comes at a critical time for both countries -- and the world -- in the battle to eradicate polio. Pakistan's health secretary, Sibtain Fazal Halim, emphasized the importance of engaging key religious leaders and tribal elders to negotiate access to areas with unimmunized children. "The polio teams continue to strive for opportunities to immunize children whenever there is an ease in the situation," he said. "Protecting the health of our children is a collective responsibility."

Dr. Taufeeq Mashal, Afghanistan's director general of health, echoed those words, saying that security along the border has been a major obstacle to immunization campaigns. He said that health authorities are working to engage all stakeholders, including antigovernment elements, to reach the maximum number of children.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

	Birthday
Joseph Russo	August 2

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

	Partner's Name	Birthday
None		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

	Partner's Name	Anniversary Date	Years
None			

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

	Date of Induction	Years In Club
Lloyd Dore, III	August 1	30
Eric Robicheaux	August 2	3

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1861** US levies its 1st Income Tax (3% of incomes over \$800)
- 1884** Cornerstone for Statue of Liberty laid on Bedloe's Island (NYC)
- 1945** Atom Bomb dropped on Hiroshima (Aug 6th in Japan)
- 1978** New Orleans Saints beat Phil Eagles 14-7 in Mexico City (NFL expo)

BULLETIN BUZZ

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MEMBER ABSENTEE LIST

Whitney Atchetee	Ted Ayo, LOA	Noel A. Bajat
Paul A. Bourgeois, Jr.	Martial Broussard, LOA	Michael Couvillion
Lloyd F. Dore, III	Richard Dubois	Tobi Edwards
Lacie Foreman Labbe	Earl Parquette, LOA	Jim Russo
Joey Russo	Mark Shirley	Rodney Simon
Emery "Bichon" Toups		