

WHEEL TALK

ROTARY CLUB OF ABBEVILLE

September 28, 2009

TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Boys and Girls Club of Abbeville by
Chris Martin**

Last Week's Program: Anette Doucet from AGH

Badge Drawing Winner: Mark Shirley

Lotto Winner: None

**Club Guests:
3 club guest from Abbeville General**

Visiting Rotarians: None

Rotarians with Guest:

Charles Dill—Elaine Dill
Mason Romero—Lyz Romero
Eric Robicheaux—Jill LeBlanc
Judge Edwards—Elizabeth Edwards

REMINDERS !

- ♦ October 3, 2009—Cajun Cyclist 25, 50, 100 mile bike ride leaves from Magdalen Square at 7:30 a.m.
- ♦ October 23, 2009—Abbeville Rotary Po Boy Sale

SPOTLIGHT GUEST SPEAKER:

Chris Martin of the Abbeville Boys and Girls Club. He is going to talk to us about the club and upcoming events. Also he will tell us how the club has impacted our youth of Abbeville.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS TAKE PART IN IMMUNIZATIONS EFFORTS IN INDIA

Most Ambassadorial Scholars wait until their scholarship year to get involved in service projects through Rotary. Not Esha Chhabra.

She volunteered for a National Immunization Day (NID) in India and spoke to schools and Rotary clubs in District 5240 (California, USA) about polio eradication before she even started master's-level coursework at the London School of Economics.

"Once I applied for the scholarship, I started attending Rotary club meetings, and I slowly began to understand what Rotary does," says Chhabra, 22, who was born in Delhi, India, but grew up in California. "I asked our district governor when he'd be taking the next team on an NID, and I said, Sign me up!"

Chhabra and two District 5240 Rotarians went to India in February and spent two days helping local Rotary clubs and international agencies, including UNICEF, vaccinate infants and children in Uttar Pradesh. Staying with host Rotarians, Chhabra also toured Rotary club projects in Delhi, including a blood bank

Although she had traveled to India to visit family, her NID service was the first humanitarian work she performed there.

"It gave development work a human face," says Chhabra, who is using her scholarship to study global politics and international development. "You walk away feeling connected to these people and their communities."

After returning to the United States, Chhabra wrote an editorial for a local newspaper and organized a free, communitywide screening of *The Final Inch*, a documentary about polio eradication work in India. She hopes to participate in another NID next year.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

	Birthday
Ted Ayo	September 23
Riley Landry	October 3

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

	Partner's Name	Birthday
Garolyn Landry	A. Paul	October 2
Bertha Mire	Robert	October 4

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

	Partner's Name	Anniversary Date	Years
None			

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

	Date of Induction	Years In Club
Earl Parquette	October 1	5

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1887 Start of the Sherlock Holmes Adventure "The Five Orange Pips" (BG)

1934 FDR dedicates Boulder Dam (Hoover Dam)

1955 James Dean killed in an auto collision at 24 near Cholame Calif

1968 1st Boeing 747 rolls out

BULLETIN BUZZ

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MEMBER ABSENTEE LIST

Ted Ayo, LOA	Noel A. Bajat	Mike Couvillion
Martial Broussard, LOA	Alex P. Crochet, Jr.	Tobi Edwards
Suzanne Jones	Earl Parquette, LOA	Jim Russo
Rodney Simon	Emery "Bichon" Toups	Kim Touchet