

Meet our Speaker: Brad Dykens

Brad is a career Firefighter, Officer, Paramedic and EMT with 36 years of experience with Pinellas County Fire services. He has been with Seminole Fire Rescue since 2012 serving as the Life Safety and Community Preparedness Coordinator, prior to that he was with St. Petersburg Fire Rescue for 26 years as a Fire Lieutenant and he has served with South Pasadena and Treasure Island Fire Departments as well.

Brad has an extensive background in Fire Service Operations, Emergency Medical Services leadership, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement Education, Life Safety Education, and Community Preparedness. He is happily married to his wife Debbie of 37 years. They have two grown children; daughter Dana, who is a Firefighter/Medic with Pinellas Park Fire Department and is, married to Roger Reinhardt a Firefighter/Medic with Dunedin Fire Rescue and they have a son Logan. Brad and Debbie's son Brian is a career Coast Guard Officer currently stationed in Juneau Alaska and is married to Sarah with their children Hannah, Cooper and Nora. Being a First Responder is truly a family business for the Dykens family.

Brad's Personal Mission Statement is; "Have vision, be flexible and embrace leadership in public safety by constantly pursuing opportunities to help and educate others".

Brad is involved with Life Safety Education at the national, state and local levels. He has served on the NFPA Public Education Network board representing the state of Florida. He also served on the Board as a the NFPA committee head for FAFLSE (Florida Association of Fire and Life Safety Educators) keeping instructors informed of new trends in life safety education. Locally this past year Brad has contributed to the life safety and preparedness education to over 8000 greater Seminole residents young and old in various subjects such as fire and burn prevention, fall prevention, water safety, poison prevention as well as CPR, AED and First Aid skills.

Brad also serves as the CERT Community Emergency Response Team Program Manager. This program has trained over 150 residents on how to be better prepared and to assist the uniformed personnel of Seminole Fire Rescue during emergencies and times of disaster.

Brad also has been involved with writing several text books during his career on the topics of First Aid, Emergency Medical Responder, CPR and CERT.

Brad and Debbie enjoy traveling and have been to Alaska several times to visit family; they also enjoy Walt Disney World as a quick getaway. Brad is an avid boater, fisherman and also enjoys playing a very high scoring game of golf.

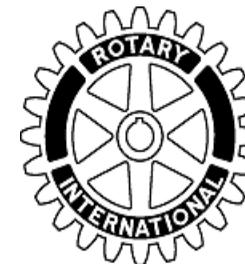
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PRAYER FOR TODAY: Dear Lord, we thank You for this food and for the fellowship of Rotary. We pray that this food may strengthen us physically and this fellowship may enrich us spiritually, that we may better do Your will. Amen.

**PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Brad Dykens,
Are You Storm Ready?**

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Pastor Michael Carter

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Tony Hurt, Meteorologist, NOAA

Upcoming Events:

July 31st	Bill Sines
Aug 7th	Mike Lurie
Aug 14th	S4TL program students will speak to club
Aug 21st	George Donovan, Travel Pictures
Aug 28th	Club Assembly

Rotary announces US\$100 million to eradicate polio

EVANSTON, Ill. (June 10, 2019) — Rotary is giving US\$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status.

“We have the wild poliovirus cornered in the smallest geographic area in history, and now there are just two countries that continue to report cases of the wild virus,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “As we work with our partners to apply innovative new strategies to reach more children, and embrace lessons learned thus far, Rotary is doubling down on our commitment to end polio for good. I’m optimistic that the end of polio is within our grasp, but we must remain vigilant in rallying global political and financial support as we push towards a polio-free world.”

While there were only 33 cases of wild poliovirus reported in 2018, the last mile of eradication has proven to be the most difficult. Barriers to eradication—like weak health systems, insecurity, and mobile and remote populations—must be overcome. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in endemic countries, Rotary is allocating half the funds it announced today to: Afghanistan (\$16.3 million), Nigeria (\$10.2 million), and Pakistan (\$25.2 million). Additional funding will support efforts to keep vulnerable countries polio-free:

Chad (\$102,395)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$9.5 million)

Ethiopia (\$2.6 million)

Iraq (\$6 million)

Kenya (\$6.3 million)

Mali (\$1.2 million)

Somalia (\$1.4 million)

South Sudan (\$1.2 million)

Syria (\$1.7 million)

Yemen (\$2.1 million)

The World Health Organization (WHO) will receive \$1.3 million to conduct research, and will also receive support for surveillance activities in its Africa (\$10.9 million) and Eastern Mediterranean (\$4 million) Regions.

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to \$150 million for polio eradication annually. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 33 cases of wild poliovirus in 2018.

