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This Week:

Diana Gelletien from V.A. Hospital of Loma Linda is scheduled to join us with a very informative program. Gordon, thus far has no luck trying to get a hold of Diana. If our speaker does not show, Gordon promised to dazzle us with more of his life stories and that will be just as entertaining if not better than our scheduled program.

Next Week:

From Citrus Valley Health Partners, Nancy Anderson, Supervisor/Coordinator of Pulmonary Rehabilitation will pay us a visit.

Last Week:

Our RYLA students, after spending a weekend at leadership camp, came back and were ready to conquer the world or at least that was it sounded like during their presentation, full with energy, enthusiasm and motivation. They've learned leadership skills in conjunction with the ideals of Rotary. They are

certainly very appreciative of our club to provide them with this rare opportunity. It was a big boost for their self-esteem and confidence. We hope that they will continue to treasure this once in life-time experience and continue to service above self.



Polio Eradication Update:

Due to our global childhood immunization effort, polio has been reduced by **99%**, and we now stand on the edge of eradicating only the second disease in our history. Do you know what the first is? If you say small pox, you are correct! Currently the four polio hot spots are Afghanistan and Pakistan, plus areas of India and Nigeria.

To date, Rotary and its partners have spent more than \$10 billion in this fight. 30 years ago there were 500,000 cases with 50,000 deaths annually; at

present there are less than 1000 reported cases. India reported 400 cases last year, with only 50 cases reported this year; Nigeria is down to 10 cases from 300 cases reported last year. President Klinginsmith is very optimistic that polio will be totally eliminated within this year. We, as Rotarians, can all take credit for this extraordinary accomplishment and can be extremely proud to be part of this history-making event.

Crime Pays (Relax, it's a joke!)

An old man lived alone in a small town. He wanted to spade his potato garden but it was very hard work. His only son, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote to his son and described his predicament...

Dear son, I am feeling bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I'm getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me... Love, Dad.

A few days later he received a letter from his son...

Dear Dad, --- For heaven's sake, Dad, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the BODIES--- Signed, Your Loving Son

At 6 am the next morning, the police showed up and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son...

Dear Dad --- Go ahead and plant the potatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Signed, Your Loving Son.

